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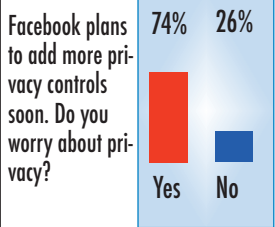
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Thursday's Question



Today's question
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The spirit of Christmas
Brian and Cheri Spangler portray Mary and Joseph in the manger with baby Jesus, surrounded by shepherds and the three wisemen, all church members, during a live nativity at Salem Wesleyan Methodist Church Thursday night. The program will be presented again tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church at 1095 Newgarden Ave., Salem, featuring Christmas readings every half hour, live animals, caroling, hot cocoa and cookies. (Salem News photos by Mary Ann Greier)



Above, singers lead the caroling at the live nativity program where angels stood outside the manger. Right photo from left, Madison Newcome and Kendra Knight pet Sticks the miniature pony being led around the crowd by Bryan and Tonya Thomas during a break between performances at Salem Wesleyan Methodist Church. The live nativity featured a variety of animals, including a calf, sheep and goats, besides the pony.



Leetonia schools name Ramunno acting superintendent

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

LEETONIA— The Leetonia school board Thursday named Louis Ramunno as acting superintendent while current superintendent Rob Mehno is on a medical leave of absence. Mehno will be off for approximately six to eight weeks beginning Monday.

Ramunno, a consultant with the Columbiana County Educational Service Center, is committed to being visible and accessible at the school, according to Mehno, and will be on site every day. His services are being offered by the ESC at no cost to the district, Mehno noted.

A former Leetonia schools superin-

tendent and educator, Ramunno retired as superintendent from West Branch Local Schools and has since served as interim superintendent at several local districts including Salem and Southern Local.

In other business, the board hired Terry May Jr. as district grounds custodian retroactive to April 1 through Nov. 30 and Sean Knight as a Title 6B tutor for the remainder of the school year.

The board also approved supplemental coaching contracts for the 2012-13 school year for Tricia Scott, assistant softball; Vincent Painter, assistant baseball; and Sean Knight, assistant track; as well as 2013-14 contracts for Matt Altomare, varsity football; and

Walter Anchors, eighth-grade volleyball.

The board also approved Mark Edwards as a trustee to the Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees.

Also at the meeting, board President John Rydarowicz reported that senior Homecoming Queen Nikki Halverstadt has been named as the Ohio representative to America's Homecoming Queen team and will participate in the Liberty Bowl Parade Dec. 31 in Memphis. She was nominated by high school Guidance Counselor Mary Rice.

The reorganizational meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in Room 20 of the K-12 Campus.

Kasich: Plan for turnpike will fund road projects

TOLEDO (AP) — Highway and bridge construction projects put on hold a year ago for as many as two decades will be sped up under a proposal to use the Ohio Turnpike to raise as much as \$3 billion for road-work.

And it will be done without huge toll increases or giving away control of the turnpike, Gov. John Kasich said Thursday.

The plan comes two years after Kasich first floated the idea of getting more money out of the northern Ohio route that links the East Coast with the Midwest, suggesting Ohio follow the lead of other states and cities that have pocketed cash for their toll roads.

County leaders along the turnpike objected loudly to leasing the turnpike, fearing that a private operator would eliminate jobs, spend less on maintaining the road and impose higher tolls that would drive traffic onto local routes that meander through small towns.

"People need to understand we've listened to them," Kasich said. "This turnpike will remain a valuable asset, and we will be able to unlock value in this turnpike for decades to come."

The proposal centers on raising \$1.5 billion through bond sales backed by future toll revenues. Up to an additional \$1.5 billion could be generated by matching local and federal funds.

Nearly three dozen multi-million-dollar road projects slated for the coming years were put on hold or delayed significantly last January because the state's transportation department said there just wasn't enough money.

The turnpike financing plan, which will need some legislative approval, would erase a \$1.6 billion highway budget deficit, said Ohio Transportation Director Jerry Wray. "We are going to move 20 years of projects into six years," he said.

Most of the new money — perhaps 90 percent — would be spent on projects in counties in the northern third of Ohio, primarily those above U.S. Route 30.

That also would free more money to spend in the rest of the state, backers of the proposal said.

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Salem church plans Blue Christmas Service

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

SALEM — For some, Christmas isn't the jolly "Joy to the World" kind of holiday it is for others, so an area church plans to minister to those people dealing with sadness by hosting a Blue Christmas Service.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, featuring periods of quiet reflection, singing of hymns, reciting of scripture and lots of prayer.

"This service acknowledges loss and loneliness and brokenness," Holy Trinity Pastor Connie Sassanella said.

This will be the second year the church has hosted a Blue Christmas Service. Sassanella said she heard about other communities doing the service and decided to have one here last year with Salem's Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Paul Catholic Church participating.

This year the church will fly solo, with participation by Pastor Aimee Raymond of St. John's Lutheran Church in Petersburg and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Springfield and Pastor Bill Wilkins, retired pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Salem and camp manager for Camp Frederick.

"The idea is that for so many people, Christmas is not the cheerful, joyous, child-oriented Christmas that it once was,

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Pastor Connie Sassanella of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Salem poses next to the blue-themed Christmas tree in the church sanctuary in preparation for the Blue Christmas Service scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, aimed at acknowledging the losses some people are coping with during the holiday season. The service is open to anyone needing some quiet, reflective time with others. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

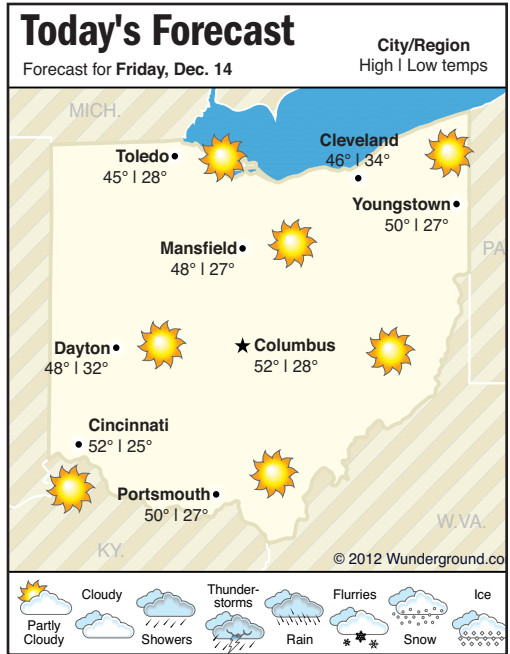
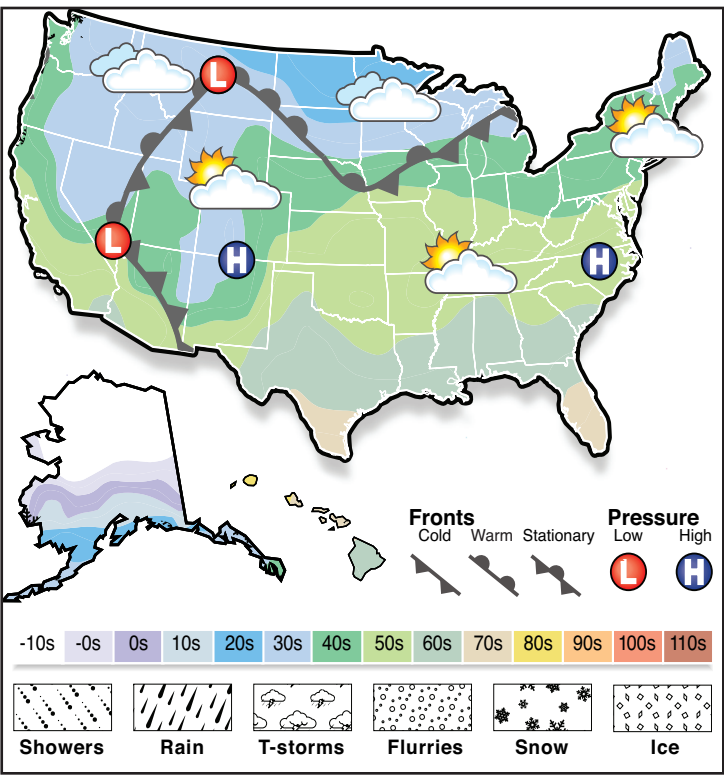
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THE FORECAST

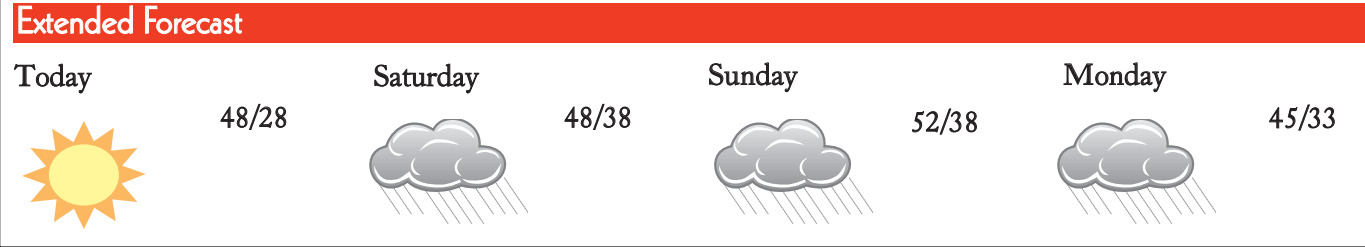
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CLEVELAND: Today...Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight...Mostly clear in the evening...Then becoming partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 30. Saturday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s. Saturday night...Showers likely. Lows in the upper 30s. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs around 50. Sunday night...Cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday...Cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow and rain showers. Cold with lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday...Cloudy. Highs around 40.



ALMANAC

Today is Friday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2012. There are 17 days left in the year. Ten years ago: The Associated Press reported that FBI Director Robert Mueller said in an interview that nearly 100 terrorist attacks had been thwarted since 9/11. Five years ago: A man accused of being the Phoenix Baseline Killer was sentenced to 438 years in prison for the sexual assaults of two sisters. (Mark Goudeau was tried in 2011 for the slayings of eight women and a man in 2005-2006; he was convicted and sentenced to death.)



NATION/WORLD

Rice withdraws as state candidate; Obama decries ‘unfair and misleading’ attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Susan Rice, the embattled U.N. ambassador, abruptly withdrew from consideration to be the next secretary of state on Thursday after a bitter, weekslong standoff with Republican senators who declared they would fight to defeat her nomination.

The reluctant announcement makes Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry the likely choice to be the nation’s next top diplomat when Hillary Rodham Clinton departs soon. Rice withdrew when it became clear her political troubles were not going away, and support inside the White House for her potential nomination had been waning in recent days, administration officials said.

In another major part of the upcoming Cabinet shake-up for President Barack Obama’s second term, former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska now is seen as the front-runner to be defense secretary, with official word expected as soon as next week.

For the newly re-elected president, Rice’s withdrawal was a sharp political setback and a sign of the difficulties Obama faces in a time of divided and divisive government. Already, he had been privately weighing whether picking Rice would cost him political capital he would need on later votes.

When Rice ended the embarrassment by stepping aside, Obama used the occasion to criticize Republicans who were adamantly opposed to her possible nomination.

Bill to cover cost of providing fertility treatments to wounded vets and spouses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wounded veterans and their spouses who want to have children could get the government to pay for treatments such as in vitro fertilization under legislation beginning to move through Congress in the waning days of the session.

By voice vote, the Senate passed a bill Thursday to update the Veterans Affairs Department’s medical coverage for one of the signature wounds of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: trauma to a soldier’s reproductive organs.

Nearly 2,000 service members suffered such wounds between 2003 and 2011. But when wounded veterans went to the VA for medical help in starting a family, they were told the VA doesn’t provide that kind of care.

The chief sponsor, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said she has heard from veterans whose marriages have dissolved because of the stress of infertility, in combination with the stresses of readjusting to civilian life after severe injury.

Russia acknowledges rebels might win in Syria, positioning itself for Assad’s fall

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria’s most powerful ally and protector, Russia, began positioning itself Thursday for the fall of President Bashar Assad, saying for the first time that rebels might overthrow him and preparing to evacuate thousands of Russian citizens from the

country.

The head of NATO echoed the Russian assessment, saying the Syrian government is near collapse following a nearly two-year conflict that has killed more than 40,000 people and threatened to ignite the Middle East. Assad appears to be running out of options, with insurgents at the gates of the capital and the country fracturing under the weight of a devastating civil war.

“An opposition victory can’t be excluded, unfortunately, but it’s necessary to look at the facts: There is a trend for the government to progressively lose control over an increasing part of the territory,” Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov, Moscow’s Middle East envoy, said during hearings at a Kremlin advisory body.

Still, Bogdanov gave no immediate signal that Russia would change its pro-Syria stance at the U.N. Security Council, where Moscow has shielded Damascus from world sanctions. The U.S. commended Russia “for finally waking up to the reality and acknowledging that the regime’s days are numbered,” State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Egypt’s referendum on new constitution turns into fateful choice on nation’s future

CAIRO (AP) — Two days before a constitutional referendum it considered boycotting, Egypt’s secular opposition finally launched its “no” campaign Thursday with newspaper and TV ads detailing the argument against the charter drafted by Islamist supporters of President Mohammed Morsi.

The Morsi camp has a simpler message: A “Yes” to the constitution is a yes to Islam.

The deadly violence and harsh divisions of recent weeks — combined with the inability of most Egyptians to even comprehend the densely written 63-page document — have turned the vote into a stark choice on whether the largest Arab nation takes a serious step toward theocratic rule.

“This constitution is supposed to protect the rights of the minorities, but it is written by the majority for the majority,” said Haitham Sherdi, a young opposition supporter from Cairo. “If it passes, it will be used to crush the minority until they vanish,” he added, referring to Egypt’s Christian community.

Congress takes step to outlaw ‘cyberstalking apps’ operating secretly on cellphones

WASHINGTON (AP) — A loophole that permits software companies to sell cyberstalking apps that operate secretly on cellphones could soon be closed by Congress. The software is popular among jealous wives or husbands because it can continuously track the whereabouts of a spouse.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill Thursday that makes it a crime for companies to make and intentionally operate a stalking app. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., also would curb the appeal for such inexpensive and easy-to-use programs by requiring companies to disclose their existence on a target’s phone.



Dan Canales, left, and Ashley Papa, right, admire the “Tree of Hope” in Union Beach N.J. Wednesday. Canales, who lives nearby, routinely straightens the tree when it leans to one side. He is one of many Union Beach residents who have adopted the tree as a symbol of hope amid the devastation of Superstorm Sandy. (AP Photo)

Rescued Christmas tree lifts spirits

UNION BEACH, N.J. (AP) — In the days after Superstorm Sandy wrecked this gritty blue-collar enclave on the New Jersey shore, creating iconic scenes of devastation and loss, the artificial Christmas tree was just an inconspicuous part of tons of rubble, the detritus of people’s lives in a town ripped open for all to see.

A local youth soccer coach drove past it for three days straight, on his way to volunteer by helping neighbors rip out the carpets, floors and walls of their flooded homes.

He plucked it from its waterlogged storage bag, set it up in a vacant field — and watched in amazement as grieving residents made the tree their own, adorning it with handmade ornaments, lights, and messages of hope, defiance and recovery.

A month later, Union Beach has rallied around the tree, a rare bit of encouragement in a depressing holiday season like no other.

“It’s become the sign of our hope, that life goes on and you move forward. It’s just amazing,” said Gigi Liaguno-Dorr, whose destroyed restaurant, Jakeabob’s Bay, was flashed across TV screens during Wednesday night’s telecast of the Sandy benefit concert in New York.

This town of about 6,200 just across Raritan Bay from New York’s Staten Island suffered major damage from the storm surge and resulting flooding; a house on the bay front that was literally cut in half by waves has become one of the defining images of the storm. It is devastation that may chase many of the town’s blue-collar residents away for good.

Union Beach’s median household income was \$61,347; unlike wealthier Jersey shore oceanfront communities where many of the homes destroyed were summer getaways, most of the houses wrecked in Union Beach were people’s only home.

“People say that Sandy brought that tree here for us,” said Angel Barbosa, who works in a pizzeria just down the street.

County parks employee James Butler, the man who rescued the tree, says much of its appeal is that the community as a whole has taken ownership. “It’s an amazing thing to see it keep growing,” he said.

Butler was very reluctant to be identified. He wants the focus to be on the community coming together, not him.

He came to feel the town’s despair — and the reason to be hopeful — while helping an elderly widow haul out the waterlogged contents of her flooded home, including all her furniture and mementos of her husband.

“I took that same deep breath in that people whose homes are ruined take, when you realize that all the stuff that made that house a home is gone,” he said. “She saw me do that, and she came over and gave me a hug. That was the spark I needed, the thought that things were going to be OK.”

That night, in early November, he plucked the tree out of the debris in the curb.

“I took it out of the bag,”

he recalled. “It was like the rest of the town: It smelled bad and it was sopping wet.”

He tried to set it upright, but it had no stand. He went to a store and bought a tree stand for a real tree, but because his tree was artificial, it didn’t quite fit right, and to this day it lists a little to the side. He put up a handmade sign next to it, which read: “Dear Sandy: You can’t wash away hope. You only watered it so more hope can grow. Signed, Union Beach.”

Then he got out of the way as the town started adopting this forlorn storm survivor, a Charlie Brown tree if ever there was one.

A few ornaments appeared within a day or two. Others followed. Then still more. A neighbor ran a string of extension cords from his house to the tree so it could light up at night.

People started surrounding the tree with pieces of driftwood; kids left toy trucks at its base. The ornaments began getting personal, with hand-scribbled notes of support. One family wrote, “We believe! We have hope! We will recover!” on a flaming-red glass ornament. Another scrawled “We love Union Beach” on another. Ornaments from as far away as Tennessee and Florida now adorn the tree, mailed by relatives of Union Beach residents looking to show their support.

Dan Canales lives near the lot where the tree sits and checks on it daily. When it leans too far over, he straightens it up. He says he saw it lying in the street in the days after the storm but could not make out what it was. Now, he’s delighted with the way Union Beach has made the tree its own.

“I think it’s pretty awesome,” he said. “A lot of people were hurt by this storm. You feel bad for everybody involved. But this is making people feel good a little bit.”

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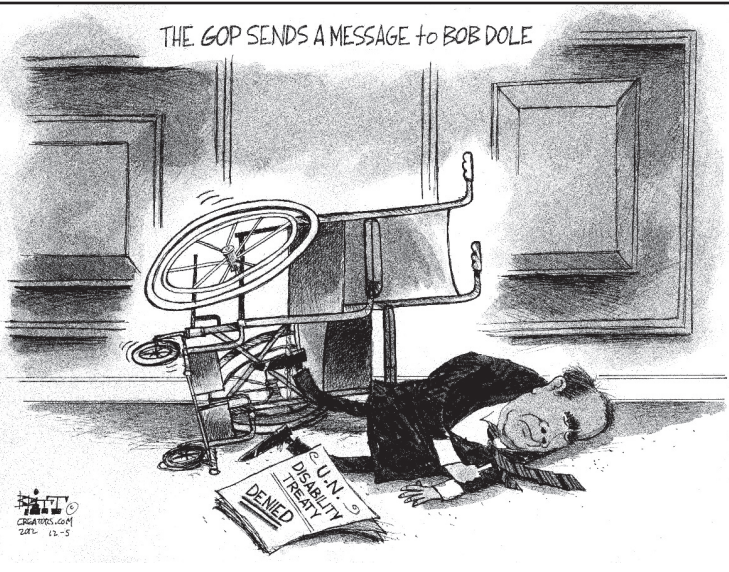
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OUR SIDE

Winter will return eventually; watch out behind wheel

After last year's noneventful winter, it may be difficult to remember how to drive in the snow and ice. Winter eventually will return with snow flying and vehicles sliding off the road. From December 2011 through March 2012, 15,526 crashes occurred on snow-, ice- or slush- covered roadways killing 27 people and injuring 4,529, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Speed-related factors were reported as a cause in 72 percent of these crashes, the patrol reported. The number of crashes is about one-half of the winter of 2010-11, but speed as a cause of a winter crash remains about the same. The patrol is urging motorists to allow extra time to get to their destination, maintain a safe distance between their vehicles and the traffic ahead, pay close attention to bridges and overpasses — as they are often the first to freeze over — and to drive slowly, as everything, including accelerating, turning and braking, takes longer on snow-covered roadways. Everyone dreads waking up on a workday to a fresh snowfall. But taking some simple precautions can increase chances of safely getting to your destination. Clear away snow from your car's windows and from the entire vehicle. Wait for your car to warm up and melt ice on the windows. Being able to see is a prime need for driving safely. That's also why drivers should clear snow from their vehicles. Snow blowing off a moving car can blind other drivers. Make sure your windshield washer fluid reservoir is filled with fluid that doesn't freeze easily, and be sure you know where your snow brush and ice scraper are. Buy new ones if the old ones are worn out. If your destination is some distance away, keep a winter-driving kit in your vehicle. The highway patrol recommends the kit should include a cell phone with car charger; road flares or reflectors; help or call police signs; a first-aid kit; flashlight; blanket or sleeping bag; a small shovel; bottled water and energy foods; candles and matches; and tow strap or chain. Many states have phone numbers or websites for up-to-date road conditions. Check ahead to see what you may be facing and change plans accordingly. Also, keep an eye on weather forecasts for that area. Being prepared is the best way to deal with winter driving. Be patient this winter, and take your time when driving on snow- and ice-covered roads.



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JULES WITCOVER

streak going? There may be some folks on Mars unaware that RG3 is the team's amazing rookie quarterback, Robert Griffin III. But here in the nation's capital, he is most talked-about figure to hit this town since Barack Obama II, the Democratic QB just re-signed to a second four-year contract. After a thrilling overtime victory last Sunday over the Baltimore Ravens, RG3 seemed headed for injured reserve after a bone-crushing tackle that forced him to leave the game, and later head to a hospital for assessment of the damage. Reports so

far are that he suffered a severe knee sprain and hopes to play, but the decision will depend on Coach Mike Shanahan's appraisal by game time of his star's ability to perform. Young Griffin -- he's only 22 and fresh out of a record-breaking career at Baylor University -- in true hero's demeanor insists he's ready to go, but Shanahan has another rookie quarterback ready to fill in if necessary. That backup, Kirk Cousins, a star from Michigan State, took over against the Ravens Sunday and led the team to a startling overtime victory. So the momentous question facing Redskins Nation is whether to give Griffin more time to recover and trust Cousins to prevail over the so-so Browns. Or should the coach play his bruised ace, who has pulled off a number of earlier football miracles this season, to sustain an improbable Redskins' late drive for the playoffs? Fans and kibitzers who scoffed at Shanahan's decision to draft a second rookie quarterback when he had the highly ballyhooed RG3 in hand are sheepishly slinking away now. Before achieving the current four-game winning streak, including straight victories over the team's three National Football Conference Eastern Division rivals

Philadelphia Eagles, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, Griffin had already shown glimmers of great promise, though the team had won only three of nine games. With a powerful and accurate throwing arm and dazzling speed afoot, RG3 had made much of Washington put aside concerns over the fiscal cliff. What's more, he did so with a personal grace and modesty seldom seen these days in the era of sports idolatry and self-promotion. Until Griffin arrived by virtue of the Redskins giving up a truckload of future draft choices to acquire him, the team had woefully run through no less than 20 journeyman quarterbacks, in a futile search to find one who could restore the team to earlier Super Bowl championship glories. Under Coaches George Allen in the seventies and Joe Gibbs in the eighties, the Redskins had become the capital city's darlings, but thereafter had disintegrated into NFL doormats. The team's greatest surviving icon, Hall of Fame quarterback Sonny Jurgensen, was reduced to ever-hopeful but critical radio-booth analyses of the games, year after dismal year. Jurgensen too has joined the chorus of

fans praising RG3, who along with other rookies Alfred Morris at running back and Kai Forbath at field-goal kicker (14 for 14 including the overtime game-winner over Baltimore) have rekindled dreams of Redskin greatness. Prospects of another era of Redskins mania, however, could be jeopardized or even dashed by risking the immediate health and long-term durability of the newly found savior in pursuit of one game and two more left in this regular season, to make the playoffs in January. So, while official Washington frets over plunging over the fiscal cliff into economic oblivion if Obama and House Speaker John Boehner fail to reach agreement on tax increases for the rich and budget deficit reduction for the country, we lesser mortals of Redskins Nation hold our breath about the physical cliff imperiling the future of RG3. All of us may have a better idea about the outcome of the latter concern by next Sunday's game in Cleveland. We may have to wait until year's end to learn the other nation's fiscal fate in what some narrow-minded Washingtonians may consider the more important threat to our town's collective sanity.



Victory for demagoguery



MONA CHAREN

I'm in the camp that believes Republicans have no choice but to agree to raise taxes on the top 2 percent of earners. The party has been successfully caricatured as the servant of the rich. This is unjust, yes, but justice is imperfect in this life. It's political suicide for Republicans to stand fast on maintaining current rates for high earners even at the cost of raising taxes for everyone else. Imagine if we went over the fiscal cliff. In January, Obama would call upon Congress to pass a law restoring the tax rates for 98 percent of filers. What could Republicans do then, refuse? There is a time for strategic retreat. Republicans are not without tactical opportunities, though. They can reply, as my friend Michael Medved has suggested, that if the Clinton tax rates are desirable, so are the Clinton spending rates. They could resurrect a budget from 1998 and pass it. Democrats would protest that 1998 spending rates are not remotely commensurate with our needs. But wait, don't they argue that the Clinton years were economic utopia? Were people living in cardboard boxes on the streets in the 1990s? While they're at it, they could propose Clinton levels of regulation, too. Alternatively, they could pass the Simpson/Bowles proposal, reminding voters that the president ignored his own debt commission. Simpson/Bowles has many flaws (including too few spending reductions), but it does at least make big strides toward taming the debt. Endorsing it would show that Republicans are prepared for painful compromise in the name of getting our house in order. The president talks of a "balanced approach" to deficit reduction -- by which he seems to mean more taxes and (set ital) more (end ital) spending. His former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has fingered national debt as the "greatest national security threat" we face. Yet the president has yet to make a genuine proposal to cut spending. Republicans must bow to political reality about tax rates, but it's worth a backward glance to consider just how great a victory this is for demagoguery. Consider that the Democratic Party is now committed, body and soul, to defending "the middle class

tax cuts." They are the party of the middle class, they trill. Yet when these tax rates were enacted, every living Democrat denounced them as "tax cuts for the rich." Every Democratic tongue swore that Bush had passed "tax cuts for the rich." The Republicans piped in response: "No, they were tax cuts for everyone." But they were drowned out. The libel stuck, and it persists even now as Democrats go to the mat for those Bush middle class tax rates. Also, the Bush tax cuts made the tax code more, not less, progressive. More than 8 million taxpayers were relieved of paying taxes altogether because the Bush reforms doubled the child tax credit and expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit. That may have been a political miscalculation as it insulated more Americans from the cost of government. But it's certainly at odds with the conventional wisdom that Republicans didn't consider the needs of working Americans when they were in power. As for the rich, yes, the rates went down. But the percent of the total tax burden shouldered by the top 1 percent of earners increased from 37 percent in 2000 to 40 percent in 2007. The bottom 50 percent of taxpayers paid 16 percent less in 2007 than they had in 2000. Their share of the total burden fell from 3.9 percent to 2.9 percent. Mr. Obama has successfully deluded people into believing that the rich pay fewer taxes than their secretaries. In fact, as Steve Moore has shown, the top 5 percent of taxpayers earn 37 percent of national income but pay 61 percent of income taxes. Democrats, especially this president, have scorned the Bush years for their accumulated debt and for raging inequality. Yet, as Professor Emmanuel Saez of Berkeley (yes Berkeley) has shown, the income gap during Obama's first term has been far more pronounced than it was during the Bush years. As Alexander Eichler of the Huffington Post put it, "The rising tide has lifted fewer boats during the Obama years -- and the ones it's lifted have been mostly yachts." The demonization of the rich paid electoral dividends: Obama will get his way on tax rates. But the problem he conjured -- the rich getting richer at the expense of everyone else -- was a crude fiction. It's the kind of class warfare appeal that has worked all over the globe. We used to be an exception. No more. To find out more about Mona Charen and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

OTHER VOICES

The (Toledo) Blade, Dec. 10

Ohio has one of the top high-school graduation rates in the nation for white students, but one of the lowest for African Americans. The racial gap — fourth largest among the states — must be closed. Across Ohio, 80 percent of high school students get a diploma, according to the U.S. Department of Education. But 85 percent of white students graduate, while only 59 percent of their black classmates join them at commencement. Poor students in Ohio also have a harder time making it through school: Only 65 percent complete high school.... Federal data also tracked the graduation rates of other minorities, students with disabilities, and non-native English speakers. The 2010-11 school year was the first in which states used common, more-rigorous criteria to count graduates....

Life doesn't get easier for black high school graduates who want to go to college. Federal data show that black college students — especially males — are less likely to finish their undergraduate degree than their white peers. Recent data suggest that fewer than half of black students who enter college receive a degree, compared to more than 60 percent of white students.... Students who don't finish high school are condemned to low-paying jobs with few benefits and little hope of advancement. When one race is disproportionately represented among nongraduates, the result is economic segregation.... High-quality education and high graduation rates are necessary to compete in the global economy, attract businesses, and create good jobs. Ohio can't afford to leave any group behind. Online: <http://bit.ly/12gvC4K>

The other Washington frets over a physical cliff

Lisbon BOE buys sensors to boost energy savings

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LISBON — The school board is spending \$22,000 to correct a problem that is preventing it from maximizing savings under a \$1.1 million energy conservation program begun 18 months ago.

The board voted at Tuesday’s meeting to hire the Cleveland-area firm of Gardiner Trane for \$22,000 to replace malfunctioning carbon dioxide sensors on the HVAC systems that are preventing the system from achieving maximum energy efficiency.

Gardiner is the firm hired by the board in 2010 to perform the energy conservation study and then draft the plan to make the necessary improvements to achieve those savings.

Bonds totaling \$1.1 million were sold through the state’s school energy con-

servation program, with the district to pay off the bonds over 15 years. The conservation measures were projected to save the district \$146,380 per year in utility costs, which is enough to pay off the debt in less than 12 years.

Gardiner was recently paid \$3,000 to determine if the changes were achieving the promised savings, and School Superintendent Don Thompson reported that they were not. “At this point we are only at 70 percent of what we should be,” he said.

The problem is the HVAC sensors on the pre-existing portion of the system, which are out of calibration and cannot be recalibrated to work with the new portion of the system. This is causing the HVAC systems to operate inefficiently by running more frequently than necessary.

Thompson said the pre-existing

HVAC system that was retained is not all that old, having been installed during the 2004-2008 period when the elementary and junior/senior high schools underwent an upgrade. Rather than automatically upgrade the pre-existing HVAC, Gardiner recommended waiting to see how the old system would work in conjunction with the new system.

The new sensors will allow the pre-existing HVAC system to be calibrated in sync with the new system and begin operating in the energy efficient manner needed to achieve the promised savings.

“While we were saving, the savings were not where they need to be ... The issue became how long did we want to live with that 70 percent” savings, Thompson said.

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BLUE FROM 1A

and for many, it is a sad and depressing time,” she said.

Four blue candles will be lit to represent the losses people may have experienced. Sassanella explained that losses can include not only the death of a loved one, but a job loss, family problems, concerns over children, health issues or community issues, including some of the recent tragedies affecting the community.

According to the program, one candle will be lit to represent grief, with a reader noting, “We own the pain of losing loved ones, of dreams that go unfulfilled, of hopes that evaporate in despair.”

Another will be lit for courage, “to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, to share our feelings honestly and openly with each other, and to dare to hope in the midst of pain.”

The third candle will represent memories, “for the times we laughed together, cried together, were angry at each other or overjoyed with each other.”

The final candle will be lit for love, “the love we have given, and the love we have received. The love that has gone unacknowledged and unfelt, and the love that has been shared in times of joy and sorrow.”

Throughout the service, people will be invited to come up and light candles in respect of a loss in their life or in memory of a loved one. Readings will be relevant to the theme and music will be provided by Doug Falk, Butch Hallewell and Sue Deutschlander, with prelude music 15 minutes before the service and music throughout the service.

If weather permits, blue and white luminaries will be lit outside. Refreshments will be served after the service.

“In the busyness of our lives in preparation for Christmas, we need a quiet pause to acknowledge the pain and loss in our lives and in our community and the hope of Christ that is our only hope,” Sassanella said.

The public is welcome to attend. The offering will be donated to the Banquet in Salem.

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Bill to allow guns in Capitol lots clears Assembly

COLUMBUS (AP) — Guns could be left in vehicles parked in the Statehouse garage beneath the Ohio Capitol under a bill on its way to the governor’s desk.

The measure cleared the Senate on 26-7 vote Thursday, the last voting day of the General Assembly. The House then agreed to the changes on a 66-23 vote.

A spokesman for Republican Gov. John Kasich said he was likely to sign the legislation.

Passage came after senators stripped parts of the bill that dealt with concealed weapon agreements between states.

The provision would have expanded how the attorney general enters into such reciprocity agreements with states to allow Ohioans with concealed weapons permits to carry firearms.

Currently, the attorney general must negotiate written reciprocity agreements with states. The provision would have allowed “automatic” reciprocity with states that offer such a provision in their law. It would have worked in a way similar to how states recognize out-of-state driver’s licenses.

Some law enforcement groups opposed that section of the bill because they said it could permit license-holders from states with weaker training re-

quirements to legally carry weapons in Ohio.

Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine had supported the provision. He said in a letter to a Senate committee that it could open the door to agreements with another 11 states. Ohio already has deals with 23 states.

Lawmakers removed the wording because they said they wanted to take more time to review the change.

“This is an issue that we need to act upon, but we need to do it right,” said state Sen. Bill Seitz, a Cincinnati Republican.

A Senate committee on Wednesday revised the bill to allow gun owners with or without concealed-carry licenses to keep their weapons in cars in the Statehouse garage. They also could keep firearms in cars in the parking garage at a building near the Capitol that houses the governor’s office and many legislators’ offices.

State Sen. Larry Obhof, who offered the amendment, said many Senate Republicans are gun owners who like hunting and shooting at ranges. The Medina Republican said the revision was “largely for convenience’s sake” for gun owners.

State Sen. Eric Kearney, a Cincinnati Democrat, said law enforcement offi-

cers should be allowed to have weapons in the garage, but questioned the idea of expanding it to other gun owners.

Democrats in the House also had qualms with the measure.

State Rep. Dan Ramos, a Lorain Democrat, said he worried thieves would break into the cars of members who boast they are gun-carrying members and then use the weapons to commit crimes.

But State Rep. Danny Bubb said he would have liked the bill to go further to extend gun rights. “I’d like to have my weapon on me right now,” Bubb, a West Union Republican, said while speaking on the House floor.

A spokeswoman for the State Highway Patrol, which oversees security at the Capitol, said that if the bill becomes law, officers would continue “providing a safe and secure environment.”

Patrol Lt. Anne Ralston said gun owners still would not be allowed to bring their weapons into the Statehouse or state-owned buildings.

The bill also would make changes to how the state defines an unloaded weapon and would eliminate a competency requirement for concealed-carry permit holders to prove they still can handle a gun when they renew their licenses.

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Democrats accused Kasich of essentially borrowing against the future and raiding the turnpike to spread money on projects across the state.

“There is no finer operated highway in the country,” said state Rep. Ron Gerberry, a Democrat from Austintown in northeast Ohio. “Why are we trying to fix something that works? I guess the answer is because there’s a pot of gold.”

Under the proposal:

- Tolls would be frozen for the next 10 years on passenger car trips of less than 30 miles that are paid for with an EZ pass.
- Toll increases would be capped for longer trips and trucks at the rate of inflation, which is less than previous toll hikes.
- No turnpike employees would be laid off.
- The Ohio Turnpike Commission would be renamed the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission and remain a public entity.

Gary Tiboni, president of the Teamsters local that represents close to 800 turnpike workers, said he was relieved the proposal will not change how the turnpike operates. “The governor got it right. It keeps my people working,” he said.

Kasich said he rejected the idea of leasing the toll road even though it would have brought more money because the state would have lost control over the roadway.

Ohio Trucking Association President Larry Davis said raising money through bonds is a better decision than leasing or selling the toll road.

“It makes more sense to leverage the value of what we already have to better our state’s roads and bridges than to roll the dice on an outside operator,” he said.

A group of county officials in northern Ohio, including Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald, said they were happy that the turnpike will not be turned over to private investors, but said they had some concerns and need more time to study the proposal.

Their biggest worry was over how much money will go toward roadwork in other parts of the state.

“To divert money that is being paid by the people that live and work in northern Ohio to pay for projects in other areas does not make good economic sense,” the group said in a statement.

Currently, all of the tolls and the sale of gas and food fund the maintenance and operation of the route, which stretches 241 miles.

The turnpike carries about 50 million vehicles each year across northern Ohio from Pennsylvania to Indiana on what is mostly Interstate 80.

Twin NASA spacecraft prepare to crash into moon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After nearly a year circling the moon, NASA’s Ebb and Flow will meet their demise when they crash — on purpose — into the lunar surface.

Just don’t expect to see celestial fireworks. Next week’s impact near the moon’s north pole by the washing machine-sized spacecraft won’t carve a gaping crater or kick up a lot of debris. And it’ll be dark when it happens.

“We are not expecting a big flash or a big explosion” that will be visible from Earth, said mission chief scientist Maria Zuber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Still, it’ll mark a violent end to a successful mission that has produced the most high-resolution gravity maps of Earth’s closest neighbor. On Friday, engineers will turn off the science instruments in preparation for Monday’s finale.

Previous unmanned trips to the moon have studied its lumpy gravitational field, but Ebb and Flow are the

first ones dedicated to this goal. Since entering orbit over New Year’s week-end, the formation-flying spacecraft have peered past the craggy surface into the interior.

Initially, the spacecraft flew about 35 miles above the surface and later dropped down to 14 miles. About an hour before Monday’s impact, they will fire their engines until they run out of fuel and slam at 3,800 mph into a predetermined target — a mountain near the north pole that’s far away from the Apollo landing sites.

Ebb will hit first followed by Flow 20 seconds later. Though the drama won’t be visible from Earth, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will fly over the crash site afterward and attempt to spot them.

The last time NASA aimed at the moon was in 2009. The world watched through telescopes and over the Internet as a spacecraft and its booster rocket smashed into a permanently shadowed crater — a one-two punch

that fizzled when spectators saw little more than a fuzzy white flash.

The mission’s end will also mark the close of a student campaign that used cameras aboard the spacecraft to image lunar targets including on the moon’s far side. The MoonKAM project was spearheaded by a science education company founded by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space. Ride died of pancreatic cancer in July at age 61.

Even after Ebb and Flow complete their mission, scientists will continue to pore over the bounty of data they collected.

Among their findings so far: The moon is more beat up than previously imagined. The crust is much thinner than thought. And there’s no evidence that Earth once had two moons that collided to form the one we see in the night sky.

Online:
Mission information:
<http://grail.nasa.gov>

SHERIFF

— Justine Boley, Brookdale Avenue, East Palestine, reported at 2:14 a.m. Thursday her boyfriend took her vehicle and had not returned home. She called back a short time later and reported the vehicle was returned.

— Denise Pickett of Leake Oil, East Taggart Street, East Palestine, reported at 4:01 p.m. Wednesday an employee working the pumps received a counterfeit \$20.

Canfield resident charged with theft of lottery ticket

LISBON — Ashfra M. Fahmawi, 26, Canfield, was served a secret indictment for charges of theft, telecommunications fraud and receiving stolen property.

According to court documents, on Aug. 23 and continuing until Sept. 7, Fahmawi stole a \$10,000 instant win Ohio lottery ticket belonging to another person and used a telecommunications devise in an attempt to defraud.

Smartphones can soon be used to ‘e-hail’ NYC taxis

NEW YORK (AP) — Raising your arm and yelling “taxi!” will soon be the old-fashioned way to nab a New York City cab. Soon, all you’ll need is a smartphone app.

On Thursday, New York City’s Taxi & Limousine Commission approved a plan that will allow riders to “e-hail” yellow cabs, starting Feb. 15 on a test basis.

“We should not ignore technology that’s out there. This is not speculative, this is real,” said TLC Commissioner David Yassky after the pilot program was approved.

Seven members of a commission panel voted in favor; two abstained. The commission issued a press release after the vote celebrating what it called “appy days ahead.” The system will be tried out for one year. After the apps start linking customers with drivers in mid-February, the commission will produce quarterly reports on its success, leading to a decision on whether to extend the pilot program.

Until now, the city has banned yellow taxis from prearranging rides.

At least a dozen companies are ready to provide the service, including ones now operating in other U.S. cities and overseas. London has a thriving taxi e-hail system.

A group of cabbies attended the commission hearing.

One later addressed the issue of customers who still want to hail a cab the traditional way — by standing in the street and waving — and who might worry that cabbies will pass them by.

“If I accept an e-hail, I won’t stop for a person on the street,” acknowledged driver Mohammad Butt, 35, a Staten Island resident.

“But if I have a passenger in the car now, I don’t stop either.”

On the other hand, driver Antonio Clark said the smartphone hail will make getting a cab easier at night in neighborhoods where they’re not easily available.

“You don’t have to stand on a dark, empty street,” said Clark, 30, of Brooklyn. “You can wait inside an entrance, because the driver has your address.”

Yassky told the AP that TLC research showed that drivers still prefer to pick up gesturing passengers.

“They’ll still tend to pick up a ride that’s there first,” he said.

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Sprint offers \$2.1 billion for the rest of Clearwire

NEW YORK (AP) — Sprint Nextel has offered to buy out the minority shareholders of Clearwire for \$2.1 billion in a deal that would give it total control of the struggling company and also more space on the airwaves for data services. Sprint said in a regulatory filing Thursday that it's offering \$2.90 per share for the 49 percent of the wireless network operator that it doesn't already own.

He added that the notion of not raising taxes “has become sort of a religion for a lot of members of the Republican Party. I think Speaker Boehner has a contentious caucus, as his caucus is tough on him sometimes so he doesn’t want to look like he’s giving in to me somehow because that might hurt him in his own caucus.”

While the impasse over the president's de-

Senior White House aide Gene Sperling briefed Senate Democrats on the talks Thursday and declined to tell them whether the administration was taking the issue off the table, said a senator who was present. That senator spoke only on condition of anonymity since he was not authorized to describe a meeting that was confidential.

Increasing the eligibility age, currently 65, is a key demand by Republicans seeking cost curbs in popular benefit programs in exchange for higher tax revenues.

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AES Corp	10.77	+0.03	DirFNBear	16.38	+2.4	Kimco	19.21	-1.2	SLM Corp	16.89	-1.9
AK Steel	4.14	-0.06	DirNGDbl	10.73	-1.91	KimCorp	33.80	-1.8	SprGDUJA	13.82	-6.9
ATAK Inc	34.32	-1.7	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AT&T Optnet	47.23	+0.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Avaya	65.32	-6.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AbbVie vs	33.80	+4.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AcadiaPh	4.78	-2.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AccessMid	31.87	-2.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AcmePhar	22.18	-3.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ActivisBz	11.49	-0.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ADDY	35.53	+4.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Admco	2.41	+0.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Aetna	44.77	+0.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Agilent	38.80	-7.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AlcatelLuc	1.10	-0.01	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Alcoa	8.59	-0.6	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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Altera	15.79	-0.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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AMOV	23.87	-0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ACAPay	30.50	-3.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AmCapLtd	12.18	-0.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AmExp	57.72	-0.5	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AmintGrp	34.24	-6.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
AmeriBn	42.85	-1.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Anadarko	74.75	-1.7	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Analy	14.33	-0.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Apac	77.40	-4.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ApollonGr	21.40	-3.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Apple Inc	529.69	-9.31	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ApplMkt	11.11	-0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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BBAT Co	28.58	-2.6	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BHP BILL	75.50	+1.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BIP Bill	30.13	+5.5	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Baird	95.25	-3.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BakRhr	42.18	-7.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BocBrad	17.22	-0.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BocBrazil	7.03	+0.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BloKAm	10.54	-0.7	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BKMYMcl	24.75	+0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Barclay	16.29	+11	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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BestBuy	14.12	+1.94	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BlockHR	16.88	-0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Boeing	74.32	-1.15	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BostonSci	5.63	-0.4	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BMYSys	32.79	-4.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BocBrazil	33.27	-6.7	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
BocCom	5.42	-1.0	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CA Inc	31.91	-0.6	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CBS B	25.45	-0.65	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CMC Grp	51.21	-2.9	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CSX	19.74	-1.0	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CVS Care	48.50	-9.6	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CVS Invest	12.97	-0.6	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CelentVn	10.40	-1.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CabotOG	47.02	-1.57	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Calpine	17.79	-2.0	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CdnRns	28.69	-4.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CapOne	58.60	-2.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Caterpillar	88.36	-4.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Celgene	78.84	-1.35	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Cemex	9.04	-0.0	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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CentrPnt	19.83	-0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CentryLnc	38.92	-1.5	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CheriereInc	17.19	-4.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ChesEng	16.68	-2.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Chevron	107.91	-1.7	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Chimera	2.77	+0.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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Cisco	27.41	-0.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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Comcast	36.94	-4.8	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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ConAgra	30.17	-1.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ConocoPh	57.88	-3.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
ConEngInt	5.85	-63	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Corning	12.74	+0.1	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
Cosco	97.85	+13	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CoscoVn	8.88	-0.3	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
CSXWVn	18.76	-37	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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DCI Indl	6.30	-0.2	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
DDR Corp	15.19	-1.5	DirNEXK	58.44	-1.14	Kinross	9.73	-3.4	SprGDUJA	16.37	-1.40
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MARKET REPORTS

Damascus Livestock Auction Quotations Dec. 11		
Hogs receipts 15 head	Select \$110 to \$115	Horse \$375 per head
No. 1s 230 to 260 lbs. \$51 to \$61	Holstein steers-choice \$105 to \$115	Pony \$50 per head
No. 2s & 3s 230 to 260 lbs. \$56 to \$59	Holstein steers-select \$92 to \$110	Donkey \$40 per head
Sows 300 to 500 lbs. \$47 to \$52	Heifers (1050-1300 lbs.)	Hay/straw report
Sows 500 to 650 lbs. \$50 to \$51	Choice \$120 to \$124	176 loads
Boars \$10 to \$21	Select \$107 to \$120	Hay, 1st cutting \$6 to \$8 per bale
Light boars \$10 to \$19	Cows (1150-1850 lbs.)	Hay, 2nd cutting \$5.50 to \$8 per bale
Feeder pigs receipts 10 head \$15 to \$30 per head	Good \$64 to \$82	Hay, 3rd cutting \$7 to \$7.50 per bale
Calves receipts 123 head	Boning utility \$20 to \$80	Hay, 4th cutting \$7 to \$11 per bale
Farm calves (90-115 lbs.)	Canner & cutter \$78 and down	Hay, round bales \$27.50 per bale
Holstein bull calves \$105 to \$115	Bulls (1250-2150 lbs.) \$75 to \$85	Mulch hay 50 cents per bale
Holstein heifer calves (80 lbs. up) \$60 to \$95	Feeder cattle (300-750 lbs.)	Straw \$4.75 to \$6.50 per bale
Cross bred calves \$130 to \$220	Steers & bulls \$92 to \$145	Clean oats \$6.25 per bag
Cull calves \$20 and down	Heifers \$80 to \$140	Eggs \$1.50 to \$2.25 per dozen
Dairy cows \$1025 and down	Holstein steers \$60 to \$75	Ear corn \$2.50 per bag
Dairy heifers \$575 to \$825	Holstein steers-light \$60 to \$75	Shelled corn \$4 to \$6.50 per bag
Cattle receipts 280 head	Back to farm cows \$60 to \$80	Cracked corn \$8 per bag
Steers (1100-1350 lbs.)	Cow and calf pair \$475 to \$925	Ground corn \$8 to \$9 per bag
Choice \$124.50 to \$125	Lambs receipts 11 head	Ground feed \$7.50 to \$10.50 per bag
	Choice lambs \$75 to \$100	Wheat \$6.50 per bag
	Sheep \$50 to \$72	Firewood \$15 to \$150 per lot
	Goat receipts 14 head \$45 to \$125 per head	



Honkytonk Angels
The last chance to see Salem Community Theatre’s Honkytonk Angels Holiday Spectacular begins at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Pictured are, from left, Nicole Slaven, Brandy Johanntges and Amanda Frost. For tickets call 330-332-9688. (Submitted photo)

ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

United 1961 lunch planned
HANOVERTON — United Local High School Class of 1961 will meet for lunch at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Disabilities board to meet
LISBON — The Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities plans to meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at the administration office, 7675 state Route 45.

Polar Express exhibit open
EAST LIVERPOOL — Admission is free to the Polar Express exhibit at the Lou Holtz Hall of Fame from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. A train leaves daily at 5 p.m. with letters for Santa written by children. Sign-ups are being accepted for the drawing of a Keystone Pennsylvania Train Set donated by Crouse Tru Value of North Lima.

Blood drive scheduled
SALEM — Salem Community Hospital and the Salem Community Center are co-sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Dec. 28 at the SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. Individuals who have not donated blood since Nov. 2 are eligible to give, and new donors are welcome. All donors will be entered in a drawing for a Das Dutch Haus gift certificate. Appointments may be made by calling 330-332-7227. Walk-ins will also be

accepted.
Swim lessons set in January
SALEM — Swim lesson programs begin Jan. 12 at the Salem Community Center and continue every Saturday through March 2. Six learn to swim levels are available, along with a Mommy and Me level for infants and their parent. Cost is \$70 for non-members and \$55 for members. A multiple child discount is available. To sign-up call 330-332-5885.

Free tax clinics offered
LISBON — The Family and Community Resource Center is holding four tax clinics during the 2012-13 tax season, with more possible sites for tax completion in the works. This is a free service provided to those making \$60,000 and below.
The first tax clinic in coordination with the statewide tax event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 2 at the FCRC Community Center at 134 S. Market St., Lisbon.
Wellsville Public Library at 115 Ninth St., Wellsville, will hold the second one from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 15.
East Liverpool area residents can attend one of two OBB Tax Clinics: at KSU-East Liverpool, 400 E. Fourth St. from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 1; or Shining Reflections at 509 M. St. from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 5.
For more information or to pre-register at a particular tax clinic call the FCRC at 330-420-0044.

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A Classical Showcase
The West Branch Choral Department will present “A Classical Showcase” at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Salem. The program combines two classical music works into one showcase that emphasizes how the great composers from different musical time periods have written musical works that can still be performed and enjoyed by audiences of today. The performance will be repeated at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alliance. The 45-minute opera tells the story of how a small crippled boy is healed after a magical visit in the night by the three wise men following the star to find the Christ child. Admission is free and open to the public. (Submitted photo)

Ohio lost more residents than it gained last year

DAYTON (AP) — More people moved out of Ohio again last year than moved into the state, but an improving economy in (backslash) is helping to close the gap, a newspaper reported Thursday.

An analysis of U.S. Census data by the Dayton Daily News showed Ohio lost 14,271 more people than it gained in 2011. That’s the lowest net loss since 2005.

Experts told the newspaper that the slowing net outflow corresponds with improvements to Ohio’s job market and unemployment rate. Job opportunities are one of the primary drivers of domestic migration, and Ohio’s economy has recovered faster than some other Midwestern states.

“Most people will move to where a job is, and move from where a job is not,” said Bill LaFayette, owner of Columbus-based Regionomics, an economic and workforce-strategy firm. “We are attracting people from states where things are worse.”

Still, experts said, Ohio continues to lose more people than it gains partly because it has struggled to attract immigrants, who are primary contributors to population growth nationwide.

In 2011, about 206,049 Ohio residents moved to other states, while 191,778 people moved here, according to census data. The net loss was down 7 percent from 2010 and 61 percent from 2009. It was the smallest loss in at least six years.



Quaker Sam items offered
Wooden items are still available available for the Salem High School’s freshmen class of 2016 fund raiser. Items include clocks, pizza boards, cutting boards and bread boards, all engraved with the Quaker Sam. Samples are available for viewing at the Salem High School office and home basketball games. For more information or to order call Darlene Heineman in the office at 330-332-8905 or Jen Polen at 330-692-1049 Pictured are, from left, Paige Johnson, Emily Fitch, Sarai Bodine; second row, Madelyn Harter, Owen Washam, Jarred Polen, Brandon Weikart and Hailey Thomas. (Submitted photo)

Holiday travel busiest in 6 years

NEW YORK (AP) — This Christmas travel season could be the busiest in six years, with AAA predicting that 93.3 million Americans will hit the road. That’s 1.6 percent more than last year and just 400,000 people shy of the 2006 record.

More cars will crowd the highways than ever before, largely because finding a seat on a plane at a desirable price has gotten more difficult. AAA says a record 84.4 million people will drive at least 50 miles between Dec. 22 and Jan. 1. That’s 90.5 percent of holiday travelers, up from 89.3 percent six years ago.

Put another way: one in four Americans will be driving long distances for Christmas and New Year’s. So expect plenty of traffic jams, crowded highway rest stops and overflowing toll plazas.

The price of gas could be close to the average of \$3.23 a gallon that drivers paid last Christmas Day. The price has dropped about 50 cents since September. AAA estimates the average price will range between \$3.20 and \$3.40 a gallon by New Year’s Day, according to AAA. That’s pricey, but hardly a deterrent to holiday travel.

“The year-end holiday season remains the least volatile of all travel holidays as Americans will not let economic conditions or high gas prices dictate if they go home for the holidays or kick off the New Year with a vacation,” say AAA president and CEO Robert Darnelnet.

The travel forecast done by IHS Global Insight for AAA, one of the nation’s largest leisure travel agencies, is based on interviews with 655 Americans and factors in estimates about the overall health of the economy.

While about 1 million more people will drive, fewer will travel by plane. Airlines for America, the industry’s trade group, estimates that about 15 million people will fly between Dec. 17 and Jan. 6. The group says there will be 42 million segments — a takeoff and landing — flown by passengers. That’s about 300,000, or 1 percent, fewer segments than last year.

Planes will also be fuller than last Christmas. The group’s chief economist John Heimlich expects 86 percent of seats to be filled with paying passengers, up from 85 percent last year. That number could climb to 90 percent on the busiest days: the weekend before Christmas, the day after Christmas and Jan. 2.

Once fliers arrive, they’ll pay more for hotels and car rentals. AAA three diamond lodgings are forecast to cost \$129 a night, up \$3 from last year. Two diamond properties are also up \$3 a night to \$95. Daily car rental rates will average \$56, compared to \$40 last year.

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Food pantry fund raiser

Music will be provided by Theaz Guyz at the “Rocking for a Cause this Season” fund raiser for the Salem Community Food Pantry. The event will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave. Food, snacks, mix and ice will be provided. Cost is \$7 per couple or \$5 per person. A silent auction will be held featuring donations from local merchants. Those attending are reminded to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the food bank for local distribution. Pictured are members of the band, from left, Tom Levak, Ed Baird, Doug Riley and Tim Callahan. For more information or to donate call 330-502-1642. (Submitted photo)

GM gives big pickups a much-needed makeover

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors is giving its big pickups a much-needed makeover.

The company unveiled new versions of its top-selling Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra on Thursday, aiming to get them to showrooms by late spring or early summer.

The timing is good. Truck sales are growing after a five-year slump. And the new pickups replace models that were last revamped in 2007. That means GM dealers are offering pickups that are dated compared with newer Fords and Rams — and it is hurting sales.

GM says the 2014 trucks should put Chevy and GMC ahead of the competition in styling and performance. The trucks look a little more aggressive and aerodynamic. They will have quieter cabs, and updated steering, suspensions and brakes, GM says.

Gas mileage and pricing of the trucks were not released, although GM North American President Mark Reuss says customers will be surprised by the prices. He says the trucks are 200 pounds lighter than Ford and Chrysler competitors. That will boost gas mileage although GM won't say by how much.

The trucks should close the gap with Ford's F-150 and Chrysler's revamped Ram, especially if the engines are more powerful and efficient, says Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive, a Detroit-area firm that tracks auto sales trends.

“The focus that they really put into these trucks, I think, gets them there,” he said.

He was impressed by GM's attention to detail. For example, there's a step built into the rear bumper to gain access to the bed. And the doors fit into recesses in the body to make the trucks quieter.

GM offers three revamped engines: a 262-horsepower, 4.3-liter V-6 that GM says can tow a substantial trailer; a 325-horsepower, 5.3-liter V-8 that will get better mileage than the 22 mpg the current model gets on highways; and a 6.2-liter V-8 with 376 horsepower.

GM, which has been building Chevy trucks for 95 years, says the new models should hit the market at a good time.

Pickups are starting to sell again. The

housing industry, which has a direct relationship to pickup sales, is strengthening and should be in even better shape when the weather improves this spring. Finally, the average age of a pickup in the U.S. is 10.4 years, GM says. More people will need to replace their aging vehicles.

GM needs to jump on those trends. It is having a tough time selling its current trucks against Ford's F-150 and Chrysler's Ram. The Silverado is the second-best selling vehicle in America at almost 367,000 through November. But its sales are flat with last year. Sales of Ford's F-Series, the nation's top-selling vehicle, are up almost 12 percent at 577,000.

Full-size GM pickup sales fell 8 percent last month while competitors saw increases. At the end of November, GM had enough trucks on dealer lots to supply them for 139 days of sales. A 60-day supply is considered optimal.

Reuss says GM raised incentives to match competitors, and sales in early December are strong. The company didn't offer big deals last month and it hurt.

Reuss says GM intends to outsell Ford's F-Series, but he wouldn't put a time frame on reaching the goal.

About one in every 10 GM trucks sold this year came with a V-6 engine, and the rest had bigger V-8s. Reuss says he doesn't expect that to change much even though about 50 percent of Ford F-150s have the smaller engines to get better gas mileage.

GM plans to introduce new big SUVs and midsize pickup trucks in 2014, Reuss says. Also, the Silverado and Sierra will be updated more frequently.

The GMC and Chevy trucks, which are essentially the same vehicles, also will get six-speed automatic transmissions on all models, which should improve gas mileage. Some models now have older four-speed transmissions that aren't as efficient. The Sierra, though, is aimed at more upscale buyers who want luxury and practicality.

All three new engines have efficient direct fuel injection, and GM says they can switch seamlessly to run on only four cylinders to use less gas. The engines will have more torque and horsepower than the older models.



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COLUMBIANA
Holiday concert featuring singer-songwriter Chip Richter, 7-7:45 p.m., Columbiana Public Library; no registration necessary.

HANOVERTON
Cookie walk, 6-8 p.m., United High School cafeteria; \$4 per dozen.

LISBON
Lepper Library, Family Christmas Pajama Party, 6-7 p.m. All ages invited to stories, music, crafts and games. Prize for everyone who wears his or her favorite PJs. Refreshments.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Deadline to donate new hats for pediatric patients at Akron-Children's Hospital in Boardman; collection bin at Kent State University, Salem campus, main lobby area.

Goshen Home Extension, 11 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Live nativity, 7-9 p.m., Salem Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1095 Newgarden Ave. Christmas reading every half hour. Live animals, caroling, hot cocoa and cookies. 330-332-1992.

Salem Community Theatre, 8

... ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK ...

p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors \$10, students \$8. Information and tickets, 330-332-9688.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

Perry Township Board of Trustees, special meeting, 9:30 a.m., office of Fiscal Officer Susan Johnston, 245 N. Ellsworth Ave., regarding group insurance policy for 2013.

Second Harvest Food Bank distribution, 10 a.m.-noon, Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, corner of Seacrist and Middletown roads.

SAT/15
COLUMBIANA
'Twas the Night Before 5k, Firestone Park, 5 p.m. Registration, www.active.com or www.SandB-Foundation.org.

DAMASCUS
All-you-can-eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church, 300 Valley Road.

EAST PALESTINE
Benefit spaghetti dinner for Tim Powers, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Unity Grange. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors. 330-426-2536.

LEETONIA
Family movie, "Christmas Story 2," 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

NEW MIDDLETOWN
Springfield Tiger basketball fund raiser cookie walk and Chinese auction, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Paul's Church, 10142 Main St.; boxes provided.

SALEM
Christmas craft show, Slovak Club, 313 S. Ellsworth Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; for table space call

330-337-8426.

Benefit spaghetti dinner for the family of Olivia Sage Thompson, 4-7 p.m., Elks Lodge on East State Street. Donations accepted at the door. To donate food, gift baskets, baked goods, etc., call 330-356-9439 or 330-257-0189.

Salem Community Theatre, 8 p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors \$10, students \$8. Information and tickets, 330-332-9688.

Dance, 9 p.m.-midnight, Eagles Club; music provided by Lazy River.

"Rocking for a Cause this Season" fund raiser and silent auction for the Salem Community Food Pantry, 7-11 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave. Music provided by Theaz Guyz. Snacks and finger foods provided; \$7 per couple, \$5 per person.

Kent State Salem Commuiversity's Christmas concert, 7 p.m., Kent State University City Center, 230 N. Lincoln Ave.; free admission.

Salem Memorial and Patriotic Association's wreath laying ceremony to pay homage to veterans, 11 a.m., Village Green at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and State Street.

SUN/16
BELOIT
Children's Christmas musical, 10 a.m., "The Mystery of the Manger. It's the Gospel Truth." Connecting Point Chapel, 12275 Beloit-Snodes Road. Public welcome.

COLUMBIANA
Community pancake breakfast, 9-10 a.m., Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo Road; \$2 for adults, \$1 for chil-

dren. Christmas Advent service, 10:30 a.m.

DAMASCUS
Children's choir of the Damascus United Methodist Church, 300 Valley Road, to present musical, "Meet Me at the Manger," 10:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

HANOVERTON
United Local Vocal Music Department's Christmas concert and cookie sale, 2:30 p.m., high school auditorium; free admission.

LISBON
Bingo, 6 p.m., Lisbon Lions Club, Industrial Park Road; doors open 4 p.m.

SALEM
Salem Community Theatre, 2 p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors \$10, students \$8. Information and tickets, 330-332-9688.

Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St.; \$4.

MON/17
BEAVER TOWNSHIP
South Range Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., K-12 campus music room.

CANFIELD
Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks, meeting, 6 p.m., Fellows Riverside Gardens.

COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins, 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

Crown Theater Productions, Wizard of Oz auditions, 6-8 p.m., Main Street Theater's Encore room, 5 North Main St., Cast call for ages 6 and up. Script reading and singing will be required at casting. Show dates for Wizard

of Oz: Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. 330-482-9915.

DAMASCUS
Lupus support group meeting, 7 p.m., Damascus Friends Church; 330-509-9015.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Fairfield-Waterford High School Class of 1959, coverdish dinner, 5:30 p.m., home of Jane Kress in Lisbon.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin Donuts, West State Street; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

West Branch Choral Department's "A Classical Showcase," 3 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Church; free admission.

Salem Public Library's regular board meeting, 4:30 p.m., board room.

Banquet and visit with Santa Claus, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; vegetable beef soup, pizza, salad, fresh fruit, assorted desserts.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892's meeting and Christmas party, 7 p.m., post home.

Salem Board of Education, work study session, 5:30 p.m., followed by regular meeting, 7 p.m., high school library, agenda will include executive session for preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with employees.

TUE/18
CANFIELD
Free blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation screenings, 1-3 p.m., Canfield Public Library; provided by Salem Area Visiting Nurse.

COLUMBIANA
Crown Theater Productions, Wizard of Oz auditions, 6-8 p.m., Main Street Theater's Encore room, 5 North Main St., Cast call for ages 6 and up. Script reading and singing will be required at casting. Show dates for Wizard of Oz: Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. 330-482-9915.

LEETONIA
Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meetings, 7 p.m., Point Man's of Leetonia, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

WED/19
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township government building, Fairfield School Road. Date changed from Dec. 20.

LEETONIA
Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
American Legion Post 76, swiss steak dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., post home, 395 W. California Ave.

Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/20
SALEM
Class members, guests invited to the Greenford High School Class of 1958 lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hill Golf & Country Club.

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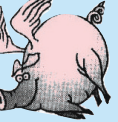
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mount to take on newbie in St. Thomas

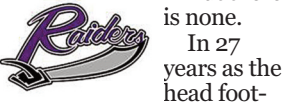
Raiders making 15th title appearance in 17 years



In this 2010, file photo, Mount Union head coach Larry Kehres yells from the sideline during an NCAA Division III semifinal college football game against Bethel in Alliance, Ohio. On Friday night, the Purple Raiders will play for their 11th national title under Kehres, meeting St. Thomas of Minnesota. (AP Photo)

By HANK KURZ Jr.
Associated Press

The numbers are staggering, as if there must be a typo.



But there is none. In 27 years as the head football coach at Mount Union, Larry Kehres' Purple Raiders have played 358 games and won 331. They've lost 24, and tied three. His winning percentage of .929 is easily the best in college football history, and five of his losses have come in the NCAA's Division III national championship game, a game his team has also won 10 times. All the appearances have come since 1993.

On Friday night in Salem, Va., the Purple Raiders (14-0) will play for the title again, meeting St. Thomas of Minnesota (14-0). It will be Mount Union's 15th title appearance in 17 years, and the Tommies' first.

For Mount Union safety Nick Driskill and 24 other seniors on the Purple Raiders, the game is much more than just another trip to Salem Stadium. It's also their last chance to finally win a championship.

For three seasons in a row heading into this one, Driskill's memory has been a long bus ride back to Alliance, Ohio, the Purple Raiders having been beaten by Wisconsin-Whitewater for the championship.

Since the Purple Raiders won their first title in 1993, no class at Mount Union has gone all four years without winning at least one national championship. Driskill's class could be the first.

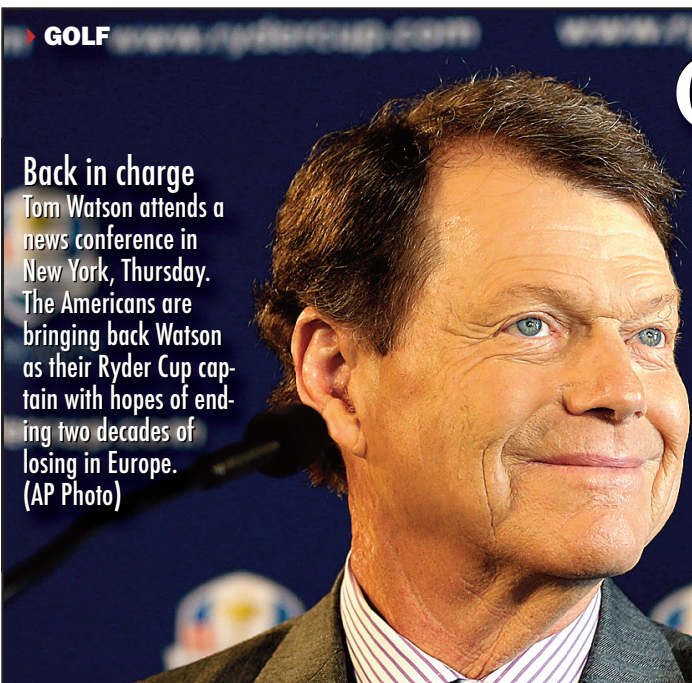
It's why, he said, for all the awards he has won as an athlete and scholar, this game is the one that will determine whether he looks back on his college career in a positive light, or a negative one.

"This is why I came to Mount Union," said Driskill.

See MOUNT, 2B

GOLF

Back in charge
Tom Watson attends a news conference in New York, Thursday. The Americans are bringing back Watson as their Ryder Cup captain with hopes of ending two decades of losing in Europe. (AP Photo)



O' captain, my captain

Tom Watson returns to lead US Ryder Cup team

NEW YORK (AP) — Weary of two decades of defeat in Europe, the Americans are breaking from precedent with a captain uniquely suited for the 2014 Ryder Cup in Scotland.

Tom Watson will be by far the oldest man to fill the role and the first repeat captain for the U.S. since 1987. But he's also the last American to lead the team to victory on the road, and he knows how to win in the blustery Scottish weather.

"We are just really tired of losing the



Ryder Cup," PGA of America President Ted Bishop said Thursday during a news conference at the Empire State Building.

It won't be easy. The Americans have lost seven of the last nine Ryder Cups and have not won away from home since 1993, when Watson was the captain at The Belfry in England. They are coming off a staggering loss this year at Medinah, where Europe strung together a remarkable rally from a 10-6 deficit going into the

See WATSON, 3B

COLLEGE BASEBALL — BRENDEN WELLS SIGNS TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

THUNDERSTRUCK

West Branch standout Wells to play baseball for Thundering Herd of Conference USA

By B.J. LISKO
Salem News Sports Editor

BELOIT — Brenden Wells has turned a lot of heads on the baseball diamond in his



WELLS



first three years playing for the West Branch Warriors. Following his senior season in the spring, he'll look to turn even more playing for the Marshall University Thundering Herd.

Wells signed his national letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career in Huntington, W. Va. last week.

"Marshall University is a great college," Wells said. "The atmosphere is great, and the campus is amazing. They have good students and a really great program,

See WELLS, 2B



West Branch's Brenden Wells slides back into third base safely during a game last season. Wells, a standout in both football and baseball, signed a national letter of intent to continue on the diamond at Marshall University following his senior season this spring. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

NFL

RBs renew rivalry

Richardson, Morris renew competition in NFL

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Trent Richardson remembers Redskins running back



Alfred Morris with long hair and one of his teammates stupidly yanking on it before a game.

"He got so hot and everyone was so scared of him," Richardson said. "Nobody

would touch him. He was a big guy. He was the biggest dude out there."

Morris, too, can picture Richardson a bigger-than-average kid, years before he started carrying the ball for the Browns.

"He had calves of a grown man," Morris said. The two rookies, who began their football careers bashing their way to star-

dom on sandlots in their hometown of Pensacola, Fla., — a football talent

See RIVALS, 3B

Cleveland Browns running back Trent Richardson leaps over the line against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)



Pittsburgh Steelers tackle Kelvin Beachum blocks San Diego Chargers defensive end Kendall Reyes in Pittsburgh. Beachum will make his third straight start on Sunday in Dallas. (AP Photo)

Beachum learning on fly

Steelers rookie tackle will start third-straight game Sunday

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kelvin Beachum and David DeCastro were separated by 224 picks — and an avalanche of expectations — in last April's NFL Draft.

The Steelers considered DeCastro a steal with the 24th overall selection, a plug-and-play talent they could pencil in at right guard for the next decade.

Beachum almost wasn't



taken at all, a seventh-round flier who arrived in Pittsburgh as the fourth (and last) option at offensive tackle.

On Sunday, with the Steelers (7-6) clinging to their playoff lives in Dallas, the sure thing and the project will line up next to each other on the right side of the line.

And the weird thing is, Beachum will be the seasoned one.

The soft-spoken 23-year-

old will make his third straight start against the Cowboys while DeCastro will make his regular-season debut after suffering a right knee injury in August that nearly cost him his rookie year.

If anything, Beachum's steady play has helped quell any butterflies DeCastro may have as his first start looms.

"Seeing how well (Kelvin)

See STEELERS, 3B

2CHOICES

Weekly sports poll

Who wins the BCS national championship? Notre Dame or Alabama?



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Following their loss to Cleveland, do you think the Steelers will make the postseason?

Yes

No

48%

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WHAT2WATCH

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA, FCS, semifinal, Georgia Southern at North Dakota St.

EXTREME SPORTS

4 p.m.

NBCSN — Dew Tour, ION Mountain Championships, at Breckenridge, Colo. (same-day tape)

GOLF

6:30 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Championship, second round, at Mpumalanga, South Africa

10:30 a.m.

TGC — The Royal Trophy, first round, at Negara, Brunei (same-day tape)

8 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour Australasia, Australian PGA Championship, third round, at Coolool Beach, Australia

1 a.m.

TGC — Asian Tour, Johor Open, third round, at Johor Bahru, Malaysia (delayed tape)

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.

ESPN — Boston at Houston

10:30 p.m.

ESPN — Memphis at Denver

2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 14

1920 — Jack Dempsey knocks out Bill Brennan in the 12th round at Madison Square Garden to retain his world heavyweight title.

1965 — Rookie Rick Barry of the San Francisco Warriors scores 57 points in a 141-137 loss to the New York Knicks.

1982 — Marcel Dionne of the Los Angeles Kings scores his 500th goal in a 7-2 loss to the Washington Capitals.

1985 — UCLA beats American University 1-0 in the eighth overtime period, capturing the NCAA soccer title in the longest match held in the United States.

1986 — Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets an NFL record with the seventh 400-yard game of his career, passing for 403 yards and five touchdowns in a 37-31 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Rams. Marino hits Mark Duper with a 20-yard touchdown pass in overtime to win the game.

1991 — Desmond Howard, the nation's second-leading scorer with 23 TDs, wins the Heisman Trophy by the second-biggest margin in history. The Michigan receiver beats runner-up Casey Weldon of Florida State by 1,574 points.

1995 — The first-ever Division I-A overtime game takes place at the Las Vegas Bowl with Toledo beating Nevada 40-37.

1997 — The New York Jets equal the NFL mark for greatest turnaround in modern NFL history with their 31-0 victory over Tampa Bay. The Jets, 1-15 last season, post their ninth win of the season.

2002 — Marvin Harrison breaks Herman Moore's 1995 mark of 123 catches. By making nine receptions in a 28-23 win at Cleveland, Harrison reaches 127 with two games remaining. He also gains 172 yards, giving Harrison 1,500 yards for the second straight season, the first player with consecutive 1,500-yard seasons.

2002 — Michael Jordan matches his career low with two points as the Washington Wizards beat the short-handed Toronto Raptors. The 39-year-old Jordan shoots 1 for 9 from the field, but has nine assists and eight rebounds as he matches his season high by playing 40 minutes.

► PREP ROUNDUP

Lady Clippers top Wellsville

United stays unbeaten with win over Springfield; Crestview handles East Palestine

Staff Reports

Girls Basketball Columbiana 80, Wellsville 33

COLUMBIANA — Columbiana ran over Wellsville Thursday 80-33. Leading the Lady Clippers was Khylea Fullum with a game and career-high 37 points. Megan Cutlip added 22 points. For Wellsville, Sharteece Taylor had nine points. Columbiana hosts Lowellville Monday, while Wellsville welcomes Leetonia.

WELLSVILLE: 4 8 14 7 — 33
COLUMBIANA: 10 27 22 21 — 80
WELLSVILLE SCORING: Sabrina Thompson 0-0-0, Monica Wilson 3-0-6, Brittany Clendenning 0-2-2, Sharteece Taylor 3-2-9, Amanda Coles 1-2-4, Kallee Powell 2-1-6, Kira Kelley 0-1-1, Brittany Caldwell 1-0-2, Angelica Scarabino 1-0-3. TEAM TOTALS: 11, 8-14, 33.
COLUMBIANA SCORING: Lindsey Roncone 2-0-4, Baylie Mook 1-0-2, Khylea Fullum 16-4-37, Bri Ginger 1-3-5, Megan Cutlip 10-2-22, Emily Witmer 4-2-10. TEAM TOTALS: 34, 11-22, 60.
THREE POINTERS: Wellsville 3 (Taylor, Powell, Scarabino), Columbiana 1 (Fullum).

Crestview 65, East Palestine 46

NEW WATERFORD — Crestview topped East Palestine 65-46 Thursday in high school girls hoops action.

Leading the the Lady Rebels was Ashley Harrison with a game-high 31 points and five steals. Morgan Newbauer had nine points, nine rebounds and four assists, and Annie Hardenbrook had 12 points, five rebounds and four assists. East Palestine was led by Marissa Gorby with 17 points. Brooke Gedeon added 13 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Crestview also won the reserve contest 44-27. Bri Cope had 19 for the Lady Rebels. Abby Fuller and Courtney Weber had eight each for East Palestine.

Crestview (7-1, 3-0 ITCL Tier 1) plays Monday at United. East Palestine (1-4, 0-3 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Jackson-Milton.

EAST PALESTINE: 7 7 12 20 — 46
CRESTVIEW: 16 16 18 15 — 65
EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Logan Gatchel 6-1-17, Kelsey McKim 1-0-2, Brooke

Gedeon 6-1-13, Hannah Hall 1-2-4, Carson Rutledge 1-0-2, Haley Hall 3-0-8. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 4-11, 46.
CRESTVIEW SCORING: Ashley Harrison 10-10-31, Morgan Newbauer 4-1-9, Savannah Elwonger 1-0-2, Annie Hardenbrook 4-4-12, Tristan Huff 1-0-2, Alexis Mamejon 4-1-9. TEAM TOTALS: 24, 16-25, 65.
THREE POINTERS: East Palestine 6 (Gatchel 4, Haley Hall 2), Crestview 1 (Harrison).

United 59, Springfield 40

HANOVERTON — United improved to 6-0 on the season with a 59-40 win over Springfield Thursday. Leading the Lady Golden Eagles was Emily Zehentbauer with 13 points. Sam Spittler added 12 points, and MacKenzie Gatchel added 10. Callie Ford had 12 for the Lady Tigers (1-4, 1-2 ITCL Tier 1). Baylee Felger added 11.

United also won the J.V. game 53-17. Allison Parks and Kassie Chestbut had nine points each. United (6-0, 3-0 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Crestview Monday.

SPRINGFIELD: 7 10 10 13 — 40
UNITED: 15 18 18 8 — 59
SPRINGFIELD SCORING: Baylee Felger 5-1-11, Jill Tabaka 3-0-6, Kennedy Ritchie 3-0-7, Callie Ford 5-2-12, Emily Stacy 1-0-2, Quinn Crowe 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 5-8, 40.
UNITED SCORING: Emily Zehentbauer 5-2-13, Sam Spittler 5-1-12, Tara Gray 1-0-2, Allison Parks 1-0-2, MacKenzie Gatchel 4-1-10, Cassidy Yoder 2-2-6, Mollie Phillips 2-1-5, Courtney Hydriek 4-1-9. TEAM TOTALS: 24, 8-22, 59.
THREE POINTERS: Springfield 1 (Ritchie), United 3 (Zehentbauer, Spittler, Gatchel).

Western Reserve 62, McDonald 21

BERLIN CENTER — Western Reserve rolled McDonald Thursday 62-21. Leading the Lady Blue Devils was Linley Mamonis with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Tory White had eight points and seven assists. Western Reserve (2-5, 2-1 ITCL Tier 2) travels Monday to Southern Local.

MCDONALD: 6 2 2 11 — 21
WESTERN RESERVE: 20 20 12 10 — 62
MCDONALD SCORING: Tory Ross 0-1-1, Jaydin Stellmar 1-1-3, Sara Joseph 5-1-12, Brenda Rupe 1-0-2, Samantha Johnson 1-0-2, Heidi Hoffman 0-1-1. TEAM TOTALS: 8, 4-9, 21.
WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Lauren Falasca 2-0-4, Rachel Maslach 3-0-7, April Lude 2-2-7, Taylor Kilbert 2-0-4, Tony White 4-0-8, Gabby Stubbs 4-0-8, Maddie Kreitzburg

1-0-2, Linley Mamonis 8-2-18. TEAM TOTALS: 28, 4-4, 62.
THREE POINTERS: McDonald 1 (Joseph), Western Reserve 2 (Ewing, Lude).

Southern 44, Leetonia 32

LEETONIA — Southern's Kati Hipsley scored 16 points to help lead the Lady Indians past Leetonia 44-32 Thursday. Rachel Coil added 12 points. For Leetonia, Nicole Mann had 12 points and five rebounds. Kinzie Smith added nine points, and Delaney Gardner pulled down six boards. Leetonia won the reserve contest 21-6. Mara Newton and Julie Chuey had eight points each for the Lady Bears. Leetonia (1-5, 0-3 ITCL Tier 2) plays Monday at Wellsville.

SOUTHERN: 9 9 16 18 1 — 44
LEETONIA: 9 9 6 8 — 32
SOUTHERN SCORING: Kati Hipsley 7-2-16, Rachel Coil 5-2-12, Utt 3-0-6, Webber 3-4-10. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 8, 44.
LEETONIA SCORING: Mara Newton 2-0-5, Kinzie Smith 4-1-9, Emily Schneider 1-3-5, Bethany Basich 0-0-0, Haley Scooville 0-1-1, Nicole Mann 6-0-12. TEAM TOTALS: 13, 5-9, 32.
THREE POINTERS: Leetonia 1 (Newton).

Jackson-Milton 54, Lisbon 45

LISBON — Jackson-Milton topped Lisbon Thursday 54-45. Leading the Lady Bluejays was Madison Tomaino with 15 points. For Lisbon, Pam Pierce had 15 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Tiffany Ketchum had 13 points and three assists, and Katy Crismon had 11 points. There was no reserve contest. Lisbon (3-3, 1-2 ITCL Tier 1) plays Monday at South Range.

JACKSON-MILTON: 10 16 9 19 — 54
LISBON: 9 13 7 16 — 45
JACKSON-MILTON SCORING: Tiffany Ketchum 5-3-13, Landri Moore 1-0-2, Katy Crismon 4-3-11, Jenna Dickson 1-0-2, Pam Pierce 5-4-15, Paige Bennett 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 17, 10, 45, 45.
JACKSON-MILTON SCORING: Rebecca Jones 4-1-9, Zaina Sahli 3-0-6, Gabrielle Tharp 0-1-1, Brittany Schnellback 1-2-4, Paige Kiraly 6-0-12, Maggie Oblinger 3-1-7, Madison Tomaino 3-9-15. TEAM TOTALS: 20, 14-22, 54.
THREE POINTERS: Lisbon 1 (Pierce).



Columbiana's Khylea Fullum drives towards the basket Around Wellsville's Brittany Clendenning. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

Lowellville 63, Sebring 20

LOWELLVILLE — Sebring fell to Lowellville Thursday 63-20. Leading the Lady Rockets (5-0) was Kaye Solak with 13 points. For Sebring, Kelsie Settle had seven points and seven rebounds, and Murphy Flowers added six points. Sebring (2-5, 0-3 ITCL Tier 2) hosts McDonald Monday.

SEBRING: 4 8 6 0 — 20
LOWELLVILLE: 22 13 22 6 — 63
SEBRING SCORING: Sydney Smith 0-2-2, Arianna Papis 2-0-4, Murphy Flowers 2-0-6, Kelsie Settle 3-1-7, Nikita McMullen 0-1-1, Isis Ketchum 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 7, 4-10, 20.
LOWELLVILLE SCORING: Rachel Durbin 4-0-8, Madison Opritza 2-0-4, Kaye Solak 6-1-13, Katie Seidita 4-0-8, Courtney Conklin 5-0-10, Emily Partika 4-0-8, Sam Chidowe 4-0-8, Abbey Partika 1-0-2, Allison Weireb 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 31, 1-7, 63.
THREE POINTERS: Sebring 2 (Flowers 2).

Freshman Basketball SALEM vs. Marlinton

SALEM — The Marlinton freshman boys team beat Salem 44-43 in freshman basketball action

Thursday. Leading Salem was D.J. Pullie with 15 points. Brandon Weikart added 12, and Trey Toothman had seven. Salem (3-1) will host South Range 10 a.m. Saturday at Salem High School.

Salem vs. Mooney

SALEM — The Salem freshman girls basketball team fell to Mooney 42-20. Kendra Richardson had six points for the Lady Quakers.

Junior High Basketball

United vs. Wellsville
HANOVERTON — The United eighth grade girls defeated Wellsville 42-16. Mariah Eisenbraun had 11 points. Brynn Hofmeister added 10. United (2-3) plays Monday vs. Mineral Ridge. The United eighth grade boys basketball team fell to Wellsville 47-38. Jake Clark had 25 for United. The Eagles play Monday at Mineral Ridge.

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from Wabash, Ind. “It’s not just to play in national championships. It’s to win. As I look back on my career, whether I look back on it on a positive note or a negative note, personally for me, this is make-or-break. I wouldn’t have it any other way.” Kehres knows his players feel like they are supposed to win, and likes it that way. The Purple Raiders, after all, have 21 unbeaten regular seasons in Kehres’ career, and have put together winning streaks of 54 and 55 games, which count as the two longest winning streaks in college football history. “I think they feel that,” Kehres said of high expectations. “Call it pressure or (that) they’re trying to achieve their goal, which it to make it to the Stagg Bowl and to win the game. It’s a

goal that they set, but they understand that there’s a process that you must go through to get there and I think they’ve paid their dues this year and they’ve done the work. They’ve kind of earned their way to this game.” The success all points to Kehres, Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Cecil Shorts III said. Shorts arrived at Mount Union as a quarterback in 2007, switched to wide receiver full-time as a sophomore and finished his career with 63 career touchdown catches. He got his Division III national championship ring in 2008. “He does a good job of adjusting to his players, so he’ll have the offense fit to what’s best for the players, what fits the personnel best and every year he does that,” Shorts said about Kehres. It’s also a culture of winning that persists, Washington Redskins receiver Pierre

Garcon said. Garcon transferred to Mount Union as a sophomore and was part of two national champion teams, and nearly a third. “It’s the culture he creates, the atmosphere,” he said. “The whole school supports the football team and program, and helping the guys in any way needed, and the guys work hard, they believe in coach.” This season, sophomore quarterback Kevin Burke said, is about getting the seniors their ring. “It all starts with the seniors because last year didn’t end the way we wanted it to,” Burke said. “Obviously we would have liked to have won a national championship, but it didn’t happen, so these seniors really are hungry and they really want to get this done. These guys have been the leaders out here all summer and really all year long, and I can’t see anything happen-

ing to not let that happen.” Standing in the way is an up-and-comer in the Division III ranks. The Tommies have gotten closer in each of their five seasons under Glenn Caruso, and lost to Whitewater in the semifinals last season. Caruso came to watch anyway. “If that’s where we really want to be, I felt like I needed to see it and feel it,” he said. During his stay in Salem, he had an opportunity to sit with Kehres for “an hour, maybe more,” in the hotel lobby on game day, talking football and life, a time he calls “an absolute blessing for me.” Last year’s meeting between the Purple Raiders and Whitewater marked the seventh year in a row that those two teams met for the championship, and Caruso took something else away from the game, too.

“I was looking up at the scoreboard and, if you remember, they have the two helmets on each side, the Mount Union and the Whitewater helmet, and those helmets basically were plastered up there for seven years,” he said this week. “I’m just happy we’re the team that forced someone to get a new logo.” Caruso even agreed that it’s special to get to face Kehres’ team. Driskill, Burke and the Purple Raiders hope it’s not that special. “The tradition here, it speaks for itself and people know exactly what you’re talking about when you talk about Mount Union football,” Burke, from Westlake, Ohio, said. “They know that you win here and that’s how things are done. People don’t expect anything less than winning and national championships.”

WELLS FROM 1B

and they play in one of the best baseball conferences in the country.” Wells hopes to contribute quickly once he arrives at Marshall, and West Branch baseball coach Walt DeShields said the Thundering Herd will be impressed with his drive and desire to play the game immediately. “Brenden has a tremendous work ethic,” DeShields said. “He works extremely hard and puts 110 percent into everything he does. He’s always in the batting cage, always lifting, always working out. You don’t ever have to tell the kid to do it. He’s very self-motivated.” Wells is close to a career .500 hitter through three seasons in Beloit. He batted .468 as a freshman, .563 as a sophomore and .500 last

season as a junior. He is second to only West Branch graduate and Kent State outfielder Evan Campbell for career best batting average at the school, and he still has one more season to try to break that mark. DeShields said two main areas of Wells’ play are what made him so attractive to prospective college programs — speed, and ability to hit for average. “He’s a really good runner and extremely fast,” DeShields said. “He’s got a really good 60-yard dash time. He’s at least running a 6.7. That’s professional type speed. The thing about him is he gets going faster as he moves. He’s led us in triples every season and holds the school record.” Wells has given opposing pitchers fits. If he makes contact, he almost always hits hard, and he has excelled at finding holes in the

outfield. “He covers the plate really well inside and out and has that power to the gaps,” DeShields said. Wells said signing early will allow him to simply focus on having the best senior season possible. “It takes a lot of pressure off,” he said. “I wanted to sign before the season started so I won’t have to worry about how good I’m doing. Since I’m locked in, I can just play free and do whatever I can to help the team out.” Marshall head coach Jeff Waggoner is very familiar with the strength of the Warriors’ program. Waggoner is 1993 West Branch alum and his recruiting eyes never stray too far from Beloit. In 2009 he tapped Warriors’ pitcher Kolin Stanley to join the squad as well. “Brenden is an athletic kid that is a very good all-

around player,” Waggoner said to goherd.com. “He has all the tools to be a very good player and is one of the hardest workers out there. He’s a tough kid and we look for him to come in right away and help us out.” Wells, also a Second Team All-Ohio running back, has bounced back-and-forth between wanting to play baseball or football in college. But once the Warriors’ 2012 NBC co-championship season ended on the gridiron, his mind quickly focused to baseball, and it was then he decided to stick to the diamond. Like Waggoner said, Wells feels he’ll be able to contribute immediately. “This past year Marshall had a bit of a rebuilding season,” Wells said. “They were pretty young. This year they should be pretty good. They’ve got Kolin down there pitching and he had a

good summer, so he should be contributing and the team will be leaning towards him a lot more. I think when I get there I can help them in the outfield. I’m gonna do whatever I can to help the team get the ‘W’ as often as possible.” Marshall was 17-37 last year overall and 5-19 in the very competitive Conference USA. DeShields said Wells will have a great opportunity to be in the spotlight in such a high-profile baseball conference. “Conference USA is a great opportunity for him,” DeShields said. “Waggoner was a West Branch graduate I was fortunate enough to coach. Jeff worked extremely hard for what he got, and I think that’s why he likes Brenden. He saw that same thing in him.” bjlisko@salemnews.net

► **MLB**

Pirates Caravan stops in Y-town

Players, coaches optimistic they can build on ‘nucleus’ of team’s core

By DANA SULONEN
Special to the Salem News

YOUNGSTOWN — The Pittsburgh Pirates might have ended last season under the .500-mark for the 20th straight year, but there is a wind of change in the air around the organization.

That breath could be sensed on Thursday as the Pirates Caravan made a stop in Youngstown at the Butler Institute of American Art. The change of attitude could be sensed by more than the 100 fans that packed the Butler, but by the players and front office members that came to meet and greet with the fans in the Mahoning Valley.

"I think people are really starting to understand that we have something very special going on with this group of guys," second baseman Neil Walker said. "We have a good nucleus, a good core of guys that have been here for a few years now."

"We are now bringing in pieces now, not a lot of guys, but pieces here and there, that are going to complement what we already have."

Joining Walker on Thursday was third baseman Pedro Alvarez, relief pitcher Bryan Morris, general man-



Pittsburgh Pirates' Neil Walker waits between innings against the New York Mets in Pittsburgh last season. Walker was among players and managers who stopped Thursday at the Pirates Caravan at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown. (AP Photo)

ager Neil Huntington, first base coach Rick Sofield and longtime broadcaster Steve Blass.

"Last year when I was here, we were talking about the future. Now we can talk

about what's going on now with the Pirates," Huntington said.

The 2011-12 season started off great for the Pirates, as the squad was in contention for a playoff spot

well into the month of August. However, a downfall in September left the Pirates finishing with a 79-83 mark, fourth in the National League, Central Division.

"I think the last month is going to get magnified because obviously it's the last month," Walker said.

"If it would have happened in the first month of the season, and we still ended up with what we ended up with, I think people would be looking at it a little bit differently. I think the young guys, myself included, learned that sometimes less is more. Sometimes when things aren't going so well you don't have to do more. You just have to keep doing your job. We just have to continue to work hard and stick together."

While Alvarez agrees with teammate, he went a step further saying the success the Pirates had in 2012 should help them finally get over the hump in 2013.

"We just have to find a way to keep the highs going for longer," Alvarez said. "It's obviously easier said than done, last season is indicative of that. The good thing is we keep gaining some experience and we can carry it over to the next year and years to come."

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STEELERS FROM 1B

has fit in certainly gives me more confidence as well," DeCastro said. "I've waited a long time for this game, but that's life. Adversity comes along, but how well you can deal with it is the key to success. And I think I've dealt with it pretty well so far."

So has Beachum, who spent four years playing left tackle at SMU but figured there was no chance he'd hear his name called during the draft. He was so certain he would have to take his chances as a rookie free agent Beachum went to a family reunion on the draft's final day.

Driving back to campus, Beachum's phone buzzed and told him to hurry home. A short time later Steelers general manager Kevin Colbert called and urged Beachum to get packing after Pittsburgh took him with the team's final pick, No. 248 overall.

Eight months later, the 6-foot-3, 306-pound kid with the boyish face will line up in Cowboys Stadium — about 90 minutes north of his hometown of Mexia, Texas — and see Dallas defensive end Marcus Spears on the other side of the line of

scrimmage.

Pretty heady territory for a kid who grew up in a school of 600 students simply hoping to land an athletic scholarship, though Beachum insists he won't be overcome by the moment.

Yeah, it's the NFL. It's still just football.

"They get paid just like you get paid," Beachum said. "They might get paid a little more, but you need to go out there and perform and put your best foot forward."

Something Beachum has done since being pressed into service following injuries to Marcus Gilbert, Mike Adams and Willie Colon. Beachum made his first start in Baltimore two weeks ago and helped keep backup quarterback Charlie Batch out of trouble as the Steelers rallied for a season-saving 23-20 victory.

The going was significantly rougher in last week's 34-24 whipping by San Diego, though Beachum was hardly alone as the Steelers struggled to get anything going offensively until the game was well out of reach.

He expects to bounce back this week. Having DeCastro line up next to him won't hurt. Beachum joked the two were "making history" though the Steelers will settle for the rookies creating

running room for backs Jonathan Dwyer and Isaac Redman.

Offensive coordinator Todd Haley just smiled when asked if he's ever been in a situation where the entire NFL careers of the right side of the line is a combined four games. It's not exactly the lineup Haley envisioned in August.

"We've been in some pretty sticky situations but that's kind of how this year has been for this group," Haley said. "We haven't always performed the way that we'd like or up to our abilities, but I do think that with some of the adversity we've had to face through some of these injuries, it's forced the guys to become extra cohesive and look out for our own."

DeCastro and Beachum will certainly be looking out for each other on Sunday as the Steelers try to build some momentum heading into a showdown with Cincinnati on Dec. 23 that will likely determine which team plays into January.

"We're great together," DeCastro said. "(Kelvin's) obviously a smart guy, and I think we'll work well together."

The Steelers need them to if they expect to play into January. All niceties aside,

Beachum really is the last option. Gilbert is out for the season with an ankle injury, Adams — the team's second-round pick in April — is out indefinitely with his own ankle problem and Colon is down with a balky knee.

Suddenly, Pittsburgh's Mr. Irrelevant is very relevant.

Though Beachum understands he's unlikely to be the starter when everyone gets healthy, even if that's not until next summer, he doesn't try to think about what each snap means in terms of his future.

"You've got to man up, that's pretty much it," Beachum said. "It's simple man. You take it by the horns and you roll with it. You don't have time to think about what can happen, you've just got to block the guy in front of you."

NOTES: LB LaMarr Woodley practiced again Thursday and appears ready to start in Dallas. Woodley has missed the last two weeks with a sprained ankle ... LB James Harrison missed his second straight practice with an illness ... S Troy Polamalu also skipped practice but it was deemed "not injury" related. ... The Cowboys (7-6) are a game behind the Giants in the NFC East.

Morris didn't have records in mind when he was drafted. His only objective was to win a job with Washington.

"I wasn't guaranteed a spot on this team, so I had to bust my butt in camp," he said. "My goal was to make the team. And, after that, the opportunity will come and when it does come make the most of it."

He's done that. There were skeptics who doubted Morris could play at the game's highest level. They looked at his size and college and wondered.

They should have talked to Richardson.

"He didn't get that much recognition because of the school he was at," Richardson said. "They didn't get seen a lot. But Alfred has always been a baller to me and he's always had a nose for the end zone."

"He's always been a baller to me."

NOTES: Browns coach Pat Shurmur believes Shanahan will commit to one quarterback Sunday and won't rotate Griffin with rookie Kirk Cousins, who came off the bench last week when Griffin sprained his right knee. ... Sunny skies and temperatures in the 40s allowed the Browns to practice outside for the second straight day. ... Richardson wasn't upset he only averaged 2.3 yards in last week's win over Kansas City. "It doesn't bug me because we won," he said. "If we didn't win, it would bug the mess out of me."

RIVALS FROM 1B

hotbed — took dissimilar paths to the NFL. But they'll cross paths again and renew their rivalry Sunday when the Browns (5-8) host the Redskins (7-6).

Richardson was expected to have an immediate impact on the Browns, and despite playing for weeks with a rib injury that won't be fully healed until the offseason, the No. 3 overall pick in this year's draft has lived up to projections. He's rushed for 869 yards and matched the team rookie record with nine rushing touchdowns, a mark he shares with Hall of Famer Jim Brown, who caused a controversy when he called Richardson "ordinary" after the Browns selected him.

Richardson has been special.

Morris has been even better for the Redskins. The sixth-round pick (No. 173 overall) from Florida Atlantic enters this week's game with 1,228 yards and seven scores. Morris is fourth among the league's top rushers and he's the latest in a long line of young backs to thrive under Redskins coach Mike Shanahan, who had four rookies top 1,000 yards rushing in Denver. Shanahan's system has helped Morris, but the humble 23-year-old has earned every yard through hard work and dedication — values he developed in Pensacola, also the home of

career rushing leader Emmitt Smith.

Morris arrived at Redskins camp driving a 1991 Mazda, and although he can now afford to replace the car with 125,000 miles on the odometer, Morris has no intention of splurging. And when he visits his parents' home, he usually stays on the couch.

"I actually like the couch," he said. "It's pretty comfortable." He's equally relaxed in the same backfield with dynamic quarterback Robert Griffin III, giving the Redskins an offense that's become one of the league's most potent attacks.

Morris is outshining Richardson, but he's not gloating about any statistical advantage over his longtime peer.

"That's not a pride thing," he said. "We're in two totally different situations, two different divisions. I don't take pride in having more rushing yards. I really don't even think about it. I'm just happy that he's doing good and that I'm doing good and just to make it this far coming from where we came from is just an accomplishment in itself."

There are currently more than one dozen players from the Pensacola area on rosters throughout the league. Browns defensive tackle Ahtyba Rubin attended the same high school as Richardson, who was raised by his mother and knew at an early age he wanted to provide for his family.

"People are just really

AROUND THE HORN



A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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Hart back for Quakers

SALEM — Salem boys head basketball coach Rich Hart will return to courtside tonight to lead the team in its home opener against Marlinton. Hart was hospitalized with heart issues a few weeks ago but was cleared Wednesday to return to the Quakers. Salem is 3-0 and will look to get its fourth-straight win to start the season. Varsity tip-off is approximately 7:30 p.m. at John A. Cabas Gymnasium.

Center Circle competitive youth basketball

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's new competitive basketball league is set to provide children in grades 2-6 the opportunity to play at the next level. Participants will face stiffer competition and a more aggressive style of play.

The league will be played on Sundays beginning Jan. 6 and concluding Feb. 24. Cost is \$200 per team (does not include referee fees) with a five-player minimum/12 player maximum roster size. Deadline for registration is Dec. 12. Registration is done on a team basis and teams may be co-ed, but it is not a requirement. The league is open to players in grades 4-6.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone at 330-332-5885. For more information please visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Winter adult volleyball league set

SALEM — Registration is now open through Dec. 17 for the upcoming Winter Adult Co-ed Volleyball League. The league will run Jan. 6 through March 17 and conclude with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. The cost of the league is \$200 and offers both recreational and competitive divisions. Space is limited.

Visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com or call 330-332-5885 for more information.

Friday night adult hoops league

SALEM — The Salem Community Center's Friday Night Adult Basketball will run every Friday from Dec. 14 through March 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 each Friday per player. All money will be collected at Center Circle. There are no teams for this event as it is run as an open gym/pick-up game.

Session 2 Soccer registration open

SALEM — Registration for the Center Circle Salem Indoor Sports Complex Session 2 Soccer is currently open. Returning teams from Session 1 may register with a \$50 discount through Dec. 4. Open Registration will be held Dec. 5 through Dec. 18. The league will run Jan. 7 through Feb. 24 (seven weeks).

The cost per team is \$490 (does not include referee fees and is non-refundable). Divisions will be available for U8 through Over 30.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone at 330-332-5885 to ensure your spot.

Holiday Skills Clinics set

SALEM — Center Circle Salem Indoor Sports Complex will be holding their annual Holiday Skills Clinics Dec. 26-28.

The Soccer Clinic is open to children ages 6-13; cost for the clinic is \$20 and space is limited.

The Soccer Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon; U8 will be held from 9-10 a.m.; U10 and U12 will be held 10-11 a.m.; U14 will be held from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Basketball Clinic is open to children in grades K-6; cost for the clinic is \$20.

The Basketball Clinic will be held from 1-3 p.m. and all ages will report at the same time.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone: 330-332-5885 to ensure your spot. For more information visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Youth volleyball clinic Sundays in January

SALEM — The Center Circle Salem Indoor Sports Complex will be holding a Girls Youth Volleyball Skills Clinic for girls in grades 6-7 only. The clinic will be held on Sundays; Jan. 6 to Jan. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Cost for the clinic is \$30 per person due by January 2. Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone: 330-332-5885 to ensure your spot.

Big East non-football schools consider departing

NEW YORK (AP) — The seven Big East schools that don't play FBS football are considering making a break from the drastically reshaped conference — and how best to go about doing it.

In any form, such a breakup would be complicated and could conceivably kill the Big East.

Commissioner Mike Aresco conferred by phone with the leaders of those seven schools early Thursday, according to a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

The person said the schools hadn't notified the conference of their decision as of Thursday night.

The current Big East football membership includes only four schools — South Florida, Connecticut and Cincinnati, Temple — that are committed to the league beyond 2013. But there are 11 schools with plans to join the Big East in the next three years, including Boise State and San Diego State for football only in 2013.

Hamilton agrees to \$125M, 5-year deal with Angels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Hamilton is heading to the Los Angeles Angels, lured with a \$125 million, five-year contract that steps up the migration of high-profile stars to Southern California.

The Angels persuaded the free-agent outfielder to leave the Texas Rangers with their third big-money offseason signing in as many years. Hamilton heads to Anaheim after first baseman Albert Pujols came West for \$240 million last December along with pitcher C.J. Wilson — Hamilton's Texas teammate — for \$77.5 million.

Still, the Angels failed to make the playoffs for the third straight year.

They had bulked up their pitching staff earlier in the offseason with the additions of pitchers Joe Blanton and Tommy Hanson, along with relievers Sean Burnett and Ryan Madson. General manager Jerry Dipoto had said Wednesday that he didn't think a major move was "imminent or required."

But owner Arte Moreno pulled off another coup by getting Hamilton. The 2010 AL MVP, Pujols and AL Rookie of the Year Mike Trout combined for 103 home runs and 316 RBIs last season.

"It's a great day to be an Angel/Angel fan!" Wilson said on his Twitter account.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Hamilton had reached a deal with the AL West rival Angels. Two people familiar with the talks disclosed the amount and length of the contract, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not yet final. Hamilton's \$25 million average salary matches Philadelphia first baseman Ryan Howard for the second-highest in baseball, trailing only Alex Rodriguez's \$27.5 million average with the New York Yankees. Since the contract wasn't final, the Angels didn't comment publicly. The team said in a statement, "We continue to look for ways to improve our team. As soon as we have something formal to announce, we will do so."

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES_Named Bobby Dickerson third base coach. Agreed to terms with OF Nate McLouth on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX_Agreed to terms with OF Shane Victorino on a three-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS_Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a two-year contract.
National LeagueCINCINNATI REDS_Agreed to terms with INF Jack Hannahan on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES_Agreed to terms with INF Andres Blanco, INF Josh Fields, LHP Cesar Jimenez, C Steven Lerud, OF Jermaine Michell, INF/OF Michael Martinez, RHP Zach Miner, INF/OF Pete Orr and C Humberto Quintero on minor league contracts.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS_Signed DL Kendrick Adams to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS_Signed LB Vic So'oto to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS_Signed G/T Derek Hardman. Released G Hayworth Hicks.
TENNESSEE TITANS_Signed TE Brandon Barden from the practice squad. Signed S Suasei Tuimaunei to the practice squad.

COLLEGE
ARKANSAS_Named Sam Pittman offensive line coach.
LYNDON_Named Christina Howe assistant athletic trainer.
RUTGERS_Suspended men's Basketball coach Mike Rice three games and fined him \$50,000 for a violation of department policy.
SOUTHERN MISS_Granted the release of the athletic scholarship of freshman QB Anthony Alford.
SPRING HILL_Announced the resignation of men's and women's tennis coach Michael Kreider.

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PREP SCHEDULE

Dec. 14
Marlington at Salem (Boys)
West Branch at Carrollton (Boys)
Sebring at Lovellville (Boys)
Springfield at United (Boys)
Southern Local at Leetonia (Boys)
East Palestine at Crestview (Boys)
Jackson Milton at Lisbon (Boys)
South Range at Mineral Ridge (Boys)
Wellsville at Columbiana (Boys)
McDonald at Western Reserve (Boys)

Dec. 15
Alliance at Minerva (Girls)
Louisville at Salem (Girls)
Marlington at West Branch (Girls)

Dec. 17
Crestview at United (Girls)
Canfield at Austintown Fitch (Girls)
McDonald at Sebring (Girls)
Leetonia at Wellsville (Girls)
Lisbon at South Range (Girls)
Lowellville at Columbiana (Girls)

Dec. 18
Salem at East Liverpool (Boys)
West Branch at Canton South (Boys)
McDonald at Sebring (Boys)
Crestview at United (Boys)
Leetonia at Wellsville (Boys)
Lisbon at South Range (Boys)
Lowellville at Columbiana (Boys)
East Palestine at Jackson-Milton (Boys)

Dec. 20
United at South Range (Girls)
Howland at Canfield (Girls)
Western Reserve at Sebring (Girls)
Leetonia at McDonald (Girls)
Lisbon at East Palestine (Girls)
Southern Local at Columbiana (Girls)

Dec. 21
Salem at Minerva (Boys)
Alliance at West Branch (Boys)
Western Reserve at Sebring (Boys)
United at South Range (Boys)
Leetonia at McDonald (Boys)
Springfield at Crestview (Boys)
Lisbon at East Palestine (Boys)
Southern Local at Columbiana (Boys)

Dec. 22
Minerva at Canton South (Girls)
West Branch at Salem (Girls)
Columbiana at Bristol (Boys)

Dec. 26
Warren JFK at East Palestine (Boys)

Dec. 27
Carrollton at United (Girls)
Tuslaw at Minerva (Girls)
West Branch at Hoover High School (Girls)
Canfield at Hubbard
Sebring at Southington (Girls)
Malvern at Leetonia (Girls)
Lisbon at Heartland Christian (Girls)
Columbiana at Crestview (Girls)

PGA

2013 PGA Tour Schedule
The Associated Press
Jan. 4-7 — Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Plantation Course, Kapalua, Hawaii
Jan. 10-13 — Sony Open, Waialae CC, Honolulu
Jan. 17-20 — Humana Challenge, PGA West (Palmer Private, Nicklaus Private), La Quinta CC, La Quinta, Calif.
Jan. 24-27 — Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (North and South), San Diego
Jan. 31-Feb. 3 — Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Feb. 7-10 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Monterey Peninsula (Shore Course), Pebble Beach, Calif.
Feb. 14-17 — Northern Trust Open, Riviera CC, Los Angeles
Feb. 20-24 — WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, Ritz-Carlton GC at Dove Mountain, Marana, Ariz.
Feb. 28-March 3 — Honda Classic, PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
March 7-10 — WGC-Cadillac Championship, TPC Blue Monster at Doral, Doral, Fla.
March 7-10 — Puerto Rico Open, Trump International GC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
March 14-17 — Tampa Bay Championship, Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course), Palm Harbor, Fla.
March 21-24 — Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla.
March 28-31 — Shell Houston Open, Redstone GC (Tournament Course), Houston
April 4-7 — Valero Texas Open, TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course), San Antonio
April 11-14 — Masters Tournament, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.
April 18-21 — RBC Heritage, Harbourtown GL, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
April 25-28 — Zurich Classic, TPC Louisiana, New Orleans
May 2-5 — Wells Fargo Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.
May 9-12 — The Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
May 16-19 — HP Byron Nelson Championship, TPC Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas
May 23-26 — Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, Colonial CC, Fort Worth, Texas
May 30-June 2 — Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio
June 6-9 — FedEx St. Jude Classic, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.
June 13-16 — U.S. Open, Merion GC, Ardmore, Pa.
June 20-23 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Hartford, Conn.
June 27-30 — AT&T National, Congressional CC (Blue Course), Bethesda, Md.
July 4-7 — The Greenbrier Classic, The Greenbrier (The Old White TPC), White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
July 11-14 — John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.
July 18-21 — The Open Championship, Muirfield, Gullane, Scotland
July 28-31 — True South Classic, Annandale GC, Madison, Miss.
July 25-28 — RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey GC, Oakville, Ontario
Aug. 1-4 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone CC (South Course), Akron, Ohio
Aug. 1-4 — Reno-Tahoe Open, Montreaux Golf & CC, Reno, Nev.
Aug. 8-13 — PGA Championship, Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y.
Aug. 15-18 — Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, N.C.
Aug. 22-25 — The Barclays, Liberty National, Jersey City, N.J.
Aug. 30-Sept. 2 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass.
Sept. 12-15 — BMW Championship, Conway Farms GC, Lake Forest, Ill.
Sept. 19-22 — Tour Championship, East Lake GC, Atlanta
Oct. 3-6 — Presidents Cup, Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio
Oct. 10-13 — Frys.com Open, CordeValle GC, San Martin, Calif.
Oct. 17-20 — Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas.
Oct. 24-27 — CIMB Classic, The MINES Resort & GC, Selangor, Malaysia.
Oct. 31-Nov. 3 — WGC-HSBC Champions, Sheshan International GC, Shanghai, China.
Nov. 7-10 — The McGladrey Classic, Sea Island Resort (Seaside), St. Simons Island, Ga.
Nov. 14-17 — OHL Classic at Mayakoba, El Camaleon GC, Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	5	.773	—
Brooklyn	12	9	.571	4½
Boston	12	9	.571	4½
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	5
Toronto	4	19	.174	13½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	6	.700	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	—
Orlando	8	13	.381	6½
Charlotte	7	15	.318	8
Washington	3	16	.158	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	9	.571	—
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	½
Indiana	11	11	.500	1½
Detroit	7	17	.292	6½
Cleveland	5	18	.217	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	5	.783	—
Memphis	14	5	.737	2
Dallas	11	11	.500	6½
Houston	10	11	.476	7
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	—
Utah	13	10	.565	5½
Minnesota	10	9	.526	6½
Denver	11	12	.478	7½
Portland	9	12	.429	8½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	—
Golden State	15	7	.682	1
L.A. Lakers	9	14	.391	7½
Phoenix	8	15	.348	8½
Sacramento	7	14	.333	8½

Wednesday's Games
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 88
Indiana 96, Cleveland 81
Atlanta 86, Orlando 80
L.A. Clippers 100, Charlotte 94
Chicago 96, Philadelphia 89
Golden State 97, Miami 95
Houston 99, Washington 93
Minnesota 108, Denver 105
Oklahoma City 92, New Orleans 88
Milwaukee 98, Sacramento 85
Boston 117, Dallas 115,2OT
Phoenix 82, Memphis 80
Utah 99, San Antonio 96

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 113, Charlotte 90
New York 116, L.A. Lakers 107
San Antonio at Portland, (n)

Friday's Games
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Golden State at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.

NFL

Saints coach: Witnesses lied in NFL investigation

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Saints assistant head coach Joe Vitt said Thursday witnesses in the NFL's bounty investigation of the New Orleans Saints have lied about him and the organization, and that their stories might change in federal court.

Alluding to a defamation lawsuit filed by Saints linebacker Jon Vilma against NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Vitt angrily said he feels the truth about the pay-for-pain system will come out before U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan, who is presiding over the pending case in New Orleans.

"If anybody's keeping a scorecard here, let's take a look at this," Vitt said. He referred back to his first meeting with reporters after the NFL released its bounty probe findings last March, in which he said, "At no point in time did our players ever cross the white line with the intention of injuring, maiming or ending the career of another player. That never took place."

Then, recounting his witness appearance in Vilma's case last summer, he added, "I've testified before a federal judge with my hand on the Bible."

"What's going to happen now is all participants, all these accusations, are going to go to federal court," Vitt continued. "They're going to go to a judge, and from top to bottom, she's going to hear testimony, and the penalty for perjury with her is going to be jail time."

Vitt's comments came a day after The Associated Press reported that former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams testified in recent NFL appeal hearings that he tried to stop the Saints' bounty program, only

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	3	0	.769	472	274
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	245	306
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	289	352
Miami	5	8	0	.385	240	276
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	2	0	.846	365	263
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	292	329
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	321	386
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	216	359
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	331	273
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	278	264
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	321	280
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	259	272

West
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Denver 10 3 0 .769 375 257
San Diego 5 8 0 .385 292 281
Oakland 3 10 0 .231 248 402
Kansas City 2 11 0 .154 195 352

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
N.Y. Giants 8 5 0 .615 373 270
Washington 7 6 0 .538 343 329
Dallas 7 6 0 .538 300 314
Philadelphia 4 9 0 .308 240 341

South
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Atlanta 11 2 0 .846 337 259
Tampa Bay 6 7 0 .462 354 308
New Orleans 5 8 0 .385 348 379
Carolina 4 9 0 .308 265 312

North
W L T Pct PF PA
Green Bay 9 4 0 .692 323 279
Chicago 8 5 0 .615 308 219
Minnesota 7 6 0 .538 283 286
Detroit 4 9 0 .308 320 342

West
W L T Pct PF PA
San Francisco 9 3 1 .731 316 184
Seattle 8 5 0 .615 300 202
St. Louis 6 6 1 .500 236 279
Arizona 4 9 0 .308 186 292

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
Thursday's Game
Denver 26, Oakland 13

Sunday's Games
Minnesota 21, Chicago 14
Washington 31, Baltimore 28, OT
Cleveland 30, Kansas City 7
San Diego 34, Pittsburgh 24
Indianapolis 27, Tennessee 23
N.Y. Jets 17, Jacksonville 10
Carolina 30, Atlanta 20
Philadelphia 23, Tampa Bay 21
St. Louis 15, Buffalo 12
Dallas 20, Cincinnati 19
San Francisco 27, Miami 13
Seattle 58, Arizona 0
N.Y. Giants 52, New Orleans 27
Green Bay 27, Detroit 20

Monday's Game
New England 42, Houston 14
Thursday, Dec. 13
Sunday, Dec. 16
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Miami, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Carolina at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m.

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

YOU KNOW, CRAZY... I'M GOING TO NEED SOME HELP GRADING AND CATALOGING ALL OF THESE BOOKS I'VE JUST BOUGHT.

WELL... MAYBE CODY OR OWEN COULD USE AN AFTER-SCHOOL JOB.

ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING OF THEIR FRIEND 'CLASSIC ROCK.'

'CLASSIC'... YOU MEAN ME!?

12-14

SOUP TO NUTS

DARN! WE'RE ALL OUT OF THYME.

WE NEED MORE THYME!

WE'RE SHORT ON THYME...

BAD THYMING.

THYME'S RUNNING OUT!

THYME AND THYME AGAIN!

A WASTE OF THYME.

THYME OUT.

12-14

CRANKSHAFT

AND LO THEY APPEARED TO SOME SHEPHERDS WHO WERE IN THE FIELD WASHING THEIR SHEEP.

12-14

ARLO AND JANIS

NOW, IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD!

12/14

BLONDIE

OUR 'YUMMY YULETIDE SPECIAL' IS A BOUNTIFUL BOWL OF REINDEER STEW!!

YOU MEAN WITH VENISON IN IT AND EVERYTHING?!!

WELL, ACTUALLY IT'S JUST OUR REGULAR BEEF STEW THAT'S BEEN REWORKED

SO WHERE DOES THE REINDEER COME IN?!!

IT'S ALL IN THE PRESENTATION!

12-14

BORN LOSER

I FOUND THIS DUSTY OLD CAN OF NUTS IN THE BASEMENT. DO YOU THINK THEY'RE OKAY TO EAT?

IS THERE AN EXPIRATION DATE?

NO. IT JUST SAYS, BEST BEFORE JULY 15, 1977...

SINCE THERE'S NO EXPIRATION DATE, DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE STILL GOOD?

12-14

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

MAYBE MOM WON'T LIKE THIS, DADDY... MAYBE SHE'LL THINK IT'S SORTA DUMB.

MICHAEL-YOUR MOM WOULD LIKE ANYTHING YOU GOT HER BECAUSE IT CAME FROM YOU!

YEAH?

YEAH! I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

MOMS ARE LIKE THAT!

12-14

FRANK AND EARNEST

THE MICROPHONE I DIDN'T KNOW WAS ON TOOK MY REMARKS OUT OF CONTEXT.

12-14

DILBERT

LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON MY "TO DO" LIST FOR TODAY.

USELESS MEETING... BUSYWORK... MAKE MISLEADING POWER-POINT SLIDES... AND ... ANOTHER USELESS MEETING.

HOW WAS YOUR PRODUCTIVITY TODAY?

I KNOW YOU'RE MOCKING ME.

12-14

GARFIELD

I LOADED THE DISHWASHER.

AND I TOOK OUT THE TRASH.

NOW WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN OUR ROOMS.

AND GET READY FOR BED.

WHO WAS THAT?

THE "GOOD CHILDREN" WHO REPLACE OUR REGULAR ONES EVERY DECEMBER.

12-14

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CANLEG

DARIHO

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: IN

Yesterday's Jumbles: WRING PICKY OPAQUE UTMOST Answer: If he was going to buy another horse, he would have to — PONY UP

GIL THORPE

... AND WE'LL START BOBBY OTTEWILL UP FRONT WITH STEFAN HARVEY AND SCOTT FOWLER.

DID YOU GIVE MARTY MOON A BIG LOAD OF OPTIMISM?

YOU BET, AND I MOSTLY MEANT IT.

STILL WORRIED ABOUT FOWLER?

I CAN'T BLAME HIM BUT SO FAR, I CAN'T REACH HIM.

12/14

HI AND LOIS

LOOK! THERE ARE BALLOONS ON EMILY'S MAILBOX.

SHE'S HAVING HER BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY.

WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO RUB IT IN MY FACE LIKE THAT?

YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T GO EVEN IF YOU WERE INVITED.

12-14

BABYBLUES

I LOADED THE DISHWASHER.

AND I TOOK OUT THE TRASH.

NOW WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN OUR ROOMS.

AND GET READY FOR BED.

WHO WAS THAT?

THE "GOOD CHILDREN" WHO REPLACE OUR REGULAR ONES EVERY DECEMBER.

12-14

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Co. honchos

4 Lawn invader

8 Grandee's title

11 Char

12 Tortoise rival

13 AAA suggestion

14 Eye impolitely

15 Water

17 Brownie additives

19 Magda or Zsa Zsa

20 Ernesto Guevara

21 HMO staffers

22 Temple city — Picchu

25 Hard questions

28 Size above med.

29 Road map info

31 Pip

33 Bartok or Lugosi

35 Latin 101 verb

37 Gorilla

38 Horse barn

40 Shrivels

42 Took cover

43 England's FBI

44 Looked longingly

47 Momentous

51 Gets rusty

53 Emanating glow

54 Elev.

55 Dapper

56 Wine sediments

57 Aloha token

58 "Breathless" star

59 Crafty

DOWN

1 MHz part

2 Audacity

3 Moat

4 Egg portion

5 Rabbit — (antenna)

6 Bungle

7 Condescends

8 Dull

9 Klemperer or Preminger

10 Not e'en verb

11 Farm female

16 Vapors

18 Nope (hyph.)

21 Santa —, Calif.

22 Diamond org.

23 Birthday counts

24 Early Briton

25 Ceremonial fire

26 Authentic

27 Equinox mo.

30 Use a blowtorch

32 — Moines, Iowa

34 Oohed and —

36 Pestiferous person

39 Waiting

41 Principles

43 Hindu social class

44 Aim

45 Linchpin site

46 Rigatoni kin

47 Cold feet

48 Energize

49 Heavy hydrogen discoverer

50 Refrain syllables

52 Final letter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

BRYCE MAYO TIARAS CAROBS UMPIRE HINGES ETCHED AYE BOSH ITEM ILK SIL NIBS LEAP FLA BEAK LAYS SOD SIRE TSAR CAB GEN TICK REEK BAG FUSION ENROLL RANGES EYELET SCURRY AWED HIRES

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING IS FUN!

12-14

HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/14/12

Moon Waxes Un-poetic

The Capricorn Moon has nothing against poetry and song, and yet such frivolity is not a top priority. There's so much serious work to be accomplished between now and the end of the year! Tomorrow brings a Venus transit and thus a change of heart. Diligently tend to the work that's dear to your heart today as though it's your last chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It will be challenging to strike the right balance between your personal and professional life unless you pick up the pace at work. Getting everything done in time to leave work at a decent time will make for a happy personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the morning, it will be difficult to recognize the excellent circumstances you're in. But once you see where the real opportunities lie, you'll feel spoiled for choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a difference between being very direct and being tactless. You'll deliver a sharp message with a kind touch -- a skill you'll be admired and possibly employed for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be successful as you execute a negative imitation -- in other words, you'll do the exact opposite from what someone else does to terrific effect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Scientists widely accept the theory that the universe happened, though few have a theory as to why. If you can supply a "why" for the things you cause in your part of the universe, you'll be ahead of the game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're generally even tempered, so when you do speak passionately, as you will today in an impressive outburst, people listen and give your sentiments great importance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you could take another person's pain and feel it instead, you would. But even the greatest love doesn't allow for this. However, you will be a help. Life is easier for someone because you're in it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Choose your sacrifices carefully. Being at your healthy best is also what's best for your people. Caring for yourself is an expression of gratitude to everyone around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a generous mood, as usual. As your sign mate Sir Winston Churchill suggested, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have gumption. You've applied it, you know what it is and what it feels like to possess. Many do not know and haven't experienced such a quality yet and cannot be blamed for the lack.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The same thin line that's between love and hate runs between romance and annoyance. Give others the benefit of the doubt as you interpret gestures.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your loyalties are many, but hopefully not so many that you don't have time left for yourself. Right now, it is crucial to spend a few hours alone, doing only what pleases you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 14). Your tastes become even more refined as you are exposed to quality experiences in the next 10 weeks. Intellectual pursuits and tests will be featured at the top of the year. The one who stimulates your mind will steal your heart. You take control of your environment in March when moves and changes happen. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 21, 44, 39 and 25.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The activities that you find most engaging are also the luckiest for you, especially if they involve other people. You'll meet a kindred spirit while following your bliss. **TAURUS:** Your smile fills up someone's senses. **GEMINI:** Take your time in romantic matters -- what's the rush? **CANCER:** You don't have all the answers, but you have all the answers you need to make love strong. **LEO:** You take the time to listen, and this sets you apart from the others. **VIRGO:** Share those big dreams -- that you dare to dream them speaks of your healthy self-esteem. **LIBRA:** What you want matters. You'll make requests -- assertively but not aggressively. You'll strike perfect balance. **SCORPIO:** Your supportive efforts should be much appreciated. If not, consider that you may be giving to the wrong person. **SAGITTARIUS:** You're on a hot streak. Ask for exactly what you want. **CAPRICORN:** There are but a few prospects who will meet your high standards. Seek those few. **AQUARIUS:** Someone will take your harmless flirting quite seriously. **PISCES:** How you express your desire will make a huge difference. A rose, by any other name, is a totally different flower.

Protecting home front



Heloise

Dear Heloise: Sometimes service-repair workers show up without covers to protect the carpets/floors when they have to walk through. That makes me pretty nervous! I have found that the cheapest white TABLECLOTHS from the discount store work great. Fold lengthwise for double-strength coverage. Tape the ends with a wide tape that does not leave residue on the carpet/floor. The tape will keep the temporary floor runner in place and keep the ends from tripping up the repair person. I still wonder why all services don't have disposable booties available if their work requires going inside the home. -- **Mary A., via email**

A good point, and thanks for the hint. I'd love to hear from the professionals on this issue. You could ask them to take their shoes off, like folks in Hawaii do. It keeps the floors clean! -- **Heloise**

UNSHRINKING A SWEATER

Dear Heloise: Help! I shrunk one of my favorite sweaters. Is there anything I can do to reshape it? -- **A Reader, via email**

I do have an old-fashioned remedy that might help. It works if the sweater has shrunk only a small bit, not several sizes. Fill your sink with cool water and add 2 tablespoons of regular hair shampoo. Soak the sweater for 30 minutes, then gently squeeze out the excess water. Do not rinse the sweater -- simply lay it on a towel and roll it up to remove moisture. Unroll and gently stretch it back into shape, and block it on a flat towel. Have any other clothing disasters that you need help with? Order my pamphlet Heloise's Handy Stain Guide for Clothing. Send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Stain Guide, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Prior to washing, trace around the sweater. Once out of the washing machine, you now have a guide for reshaping your sweater. -- **Heloise**

REGISTER REUSES

Dear Heloise: When my father died, I fell heir to a couple dozen unused check registers. Hating to throw away good paper, I have developed some ways to use them:

- Keep one with my blood pressure monitor to record blood pressures, pulse, dates and times.
- Carry one in my purse on which to jot notes, addresses, etc.
- Keep one on my desk to keep track of passwords, etc.
- One for birthday and Christmas presents.

Thanks so much for your dedication to making life easier for all of us. -- **Jessie in Kerrville, Texas**

BORROWED TOOLS

Dear Heloise: As a mechanic most of my life, I've lost many a tool due to failure to return, or abusive damage of the tool. I solved this problem by insisting that a deposit, the approximate price of the tool, be given before the tool is loaned out. If the tool was not returned or was broken due to abuse, I would keep the deposit and purchase a brand-new tool. Every tool I have loaned out since has been returned or replaced. - **C.G. in New Hampshire**

Wife alarmed hubby planning own funeral

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for seven years. Since our wedding, he has had increasing health problems.

He recently told me that he planned his funeral three months ago, without saying a word to me. I am very concerned that he seems more focused on death than on life. Am I wrong to be upset? He says I am. -- **WIFE IN BURLINGTON, N.J.**

DEAR WIFE: I don't blame you for being concerned because husbands and wives should be able to discuss important topics with each other, and this is one of them.

When your husband has his next medical appointment, go with him so you can speak with his physician. It's possible that because of his "increasing health problems" he has become depressed, and if that's the case, his doctor should be told.

It is always helpful for spouses to accompany each other to their medical appointments in case the patient forgets to ask a question or tell the doctor something he or she needs to know.

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old son, "Dustin," moved out five years ago, but he expects me to keep all his childhood and college items in his old bedroom because he says he doesn't have room for them in his apartment. I'd like to clear out his closet and dresser and use the space for things I want to store. I need more space for me.

Dustin is calling me selfish because I want to change "his" room and move my stuff in there. I say I need the space, and if he wants to keep all his stuff, he should rent a storage locker. By the way, he sleeps here maybe five nights a year at most.

How long are parents obligated to keep their grown children's keepsakes? -- **WANTS MY SPACE**

DEAR WANTS YOUR SPACE: You are asking an emotionally loaded question. While, rationally, five years should be long enough, clearing "his" room instead of maintaining it as a shrine may feel like abandonment to your adult child.

Give Dustin a little more time to adjust -- like six months -- and then insist that he find a place for his things. That way it will be a little less traumatic.

DEAR ABBY: During these hard times, may I tell you about my daughter? Every year at Christmas, I let our children pick one present for around \$30 for themselves. They know that we don't have a lot of money and that "Santa" brings only a few presents.

My daughter chose to give her "Christmas money" to a charity so that another family can be blessed. She's only 9, and she understands there are families who are in more need than us. She truly is an angel for reminding me of that.

I went to our local food pantry and told them what my daughter wanted to do for Christmas. The director wrote her a letter of thanks and explained how many families her \$30 would be helping. I'm so proud of my girl. Sometimes it takes a child to remind us how all of us should act. -- **BLESSED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR BLESSED: Yes, it's true. But invariably it takes good parents to instill a spirit of empathy and generosity in their children. So some of the credit belongs to you.

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FRIDAY											DEC. 14	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
(2) (KDKA)	News		CBS	Insider	Rudolph, Reindeer		Virginia	The Elf	Blue Bloods 14		News	Late Sh.
(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Ent	Blake Shelton-Xmas		Take It All (N) 'PG'	Dateline NBC 'PG'			News	Jay Leno
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	Last Man Malibu		Shark Tank 14	PG	(01) 2020 14	PG	News	Nightline
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Last Man Malibu		Shark Tank 14	PG	(01) 2020 14	PG	News	Nightline
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM		News	Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe (N) '14		News		Big Bang	Seinfeld
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Blake Shelton-Xmas		Take It All (N) 'PG'		Dateline NBC 'PG'		News	Jay Leno
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Blake Shelton-Xmas		Take It All (N) 'PG'		Dateline NBC 'PG'		News	Jay Leno
(17) (WDLT)	Praise the Lord 'Y'		Sid Roth	Potters	Behind	Lindsey	Harvest	P. Stone	Praise the Lord 'Y' 88			
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Rudolph, Reindeer		Virginia	The Elf	Blue Bloods 14		News	Late Sh.
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	Blake Shelton-Xmas		Take It All (N) 'PG'		Dateline NBC 'PG'		News	Jay Leno
(22) (WCWB)	American	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Monk 14	PG 88	Monk 14	PG 88	Friends	Friends	Baggage	Excused
(23) (WVPX)	Cold Case 14		Cold Case 14	PG	Cold Case 14		Cold Case 14		Cold Case 14		Flashpoint 14	
(27) (WKBN)	First	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Rudolph, Reindeer		Virginia	The Elf	Blue Bloods 14		First	Late Sh.
(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	Last Man Malibu		Shark Tank 14	PG	(01) 2020 14	PG	News	Nightline
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Two Men	Two Men	Monk 14	PG 88	Monk 14	PG 88	News	Sports	Dish Nat.	Extra (N)
(49) (WEAO)	Sesame	Roman.	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash.	NewsNite	Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music) 'G'		Channel 11 News		Seinfeld	30 Rock
(53) (WPGH)	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe (N) '14				Rules	Raymond
(55) (WBNX)	There	Rules	Office	Office	Movie: 11	Prancer Returns (2001)		Friends	Friends	Rules	Raymond	
(67) (WOAC)	Pastor	History	Differ	Nwsmch	TCT	God's Pl.	B. Hinn	Life	J Hagee	Yr Bible	Wom	Sayin
(A&E)	Dog Bounty Hunter	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty 'PG'		Duck D.	Duck D.
(AMC)	"The Lake House"	Movie: 11	White Christmas (1954) 88					(45) Movie: 11	White Christmas (1954) 88			
(AP)	Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Raised Wild 14	PG	Raised Wild 14	PG	Raised Wild 14	PG	Raised Wild 14	PG
(BET)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N) 'PG'		One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	One Mic	Apollo Live 'PG'	
(BRAV)	Miami	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset	Shahs	Shahs	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		
(CNBC)	Mad Money (N)		Report	Trading	Millions	Millions	Crime Inc.		American Greed		Mad Money	
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(CSPN)	(2:00) Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today				Politics & Public Policy Today			
(DISC)	Gold Rush 14	PG	Gold Rush 14	PG	Gold Rush - The		Gold Rush (N) 'PG'		Behind the Scenes		Gold Rush 14	PG
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(FAM)	"Polar Express"		Year Without Santa		Santa Claus, Town		Movie: 11	Toy Story (1995)				
(FNC)	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
(FOOD)	Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Im.		Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners	My Din	My Din	Diners	Diners
(FSOH)	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Pregame		NBA Basketball: Bucks at Cavaliers				Post		Bearcats	Action Sports
(GAC)	Insti.-		Rodeo 2012 Wrangler National Finals, Day 8. From Las Vegas.		Insti.-		Rodeo					
(HBO)	(5:30) "Something Borrowed"		24/7		Movie: 11	Contraband (2012) 14		Movie: 11	Your Highness		Die Hard	
(HGTV)	Hunt Int'l	Hunt Int'l	Hunt Int'l	Hunt Int'l	Famous House		Celebrity Homes		Hunters	Hunt Int'l	Hunt Int'l	Hunt Int'l
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(LIFE)	Movie: "Under the Mistletoe" (2006) 'PG'				Movie: "Holly's Holiday" (2012) 'PG' 88				Movie: "Undercover Christmas" 'PG' 88			
(MAX)	Very 3D	Movie: 11	Hall Pass (2011)		(15) Movie: 11	This Means War			Movie: 11	Chronicle	14	Lingerie
(MSNBC)	PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		Documentary		Documentary	
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(SHOW)	(5:45) Movie: 11	The Core (2003) 14			Anthony Clark		Movie: 11	Traffic (2000) Michael Douglas			Red	
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(TBN)	Praise the Lord 'Y'		Sid Roth	Potters	Behind	Lindsey	Harvest	P. Stone	Praise the Lord 'Y' 88			
(TCM)	(5:45) Movie: "The Lion in Winter" (1968)				Movie: "Trouble in Paradise"			Movie: "Design for Living"			"1 Hr With You"	
(TLC)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes
(TNN)	(5:19) Movie: 11	Payback (1999)			Movie: 11	Lucky Number Slewin (2006) 14			(45) Movie: 11	Payback		
(TNT)	The Mentalist '14		The Mentalist '14		Movie: 11	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring					Forbidden	
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(WGN)	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Funny Home Videos	
(WTBS)	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Worse	Worse	Worse	Worse	Movie: 11	The Hangover (2009)		

Celebrex controversial for some



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DRS. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I have arthritis in both knees and have taken Celebrex for years for it. I am unsure how long I should keep taking it. What is your opinion of Celebrex? Also, could stem cells ever be used for joints? -- **L.H.**

ANSWER: Celebrex is in a class of medicines called COX-2 inhibitors. It is usually used for arthritis, and was specifically intended to reduce the likelihood of gastrointestinal complications, especially bleeding from the stomach. It probably has less risk of bleeding and ulcer than other arthritis medicines, but serious bleeding can still occur.

There remains some controversy about whether Celebrex increases the risk of heart disease the way another COX-2 inhibitor, Vioxx (since removed from the market), was found to in studies. Preliminary evidence suggests it is not more dangerous to the heart than other drugs, but a study is ongoing to determine this with greater certainty.

Celebrex is very useful for many people, and if you have been taking it for years with good results and no side effects that you notice, I would recommend you continue to take it.

Stem cells may indeed be useful for arthritis in the near future. Since one of the major problems in arthritis is loss of the cartilage in the joint, it makes sense to use new cells to regenerate it. But more research is needed.

DEAR DRS. DONOHUE AND ROACH: Could you please tell me about myelofibrosis? My brother, who just turned 45, was diagnosed with it about four months ago. He has always been healthy, except for being a chronic

smoker. He experienced fatigue and was found to have severe anemia, needing four units of blood. He now gets Procrit. Can you tell me more about this? Is it hereditary? I just need to know what my family is facing so we can help him as best we can. -- **W.S.**

ANSWER: Myelofibrosis is a disease of the bone marrow. "Myelo" refers to bone marrow, and "fibrosis" is the process of replacement by scar tissue. Hence, in myelofibrosis, the bone marrow is gradually replaced with scar tissue. It's usually seen in people over age 50, but 45 isn't too unusual an age. Hindered by scar tissue, the bone marrow is unable to make enough red blood cells, causing anemia. Anemia can be treated with blood transfusion, but also with medications like Procrit, which induces the bone marrow to make more blood cells. Similarly, the bone marrow can fail to make enough white blood cells, putting the patient at risk for infection, and platelets, which can lead to excess bleeding. Although it can be cured with a bone marrow transplant, this is a risky procedure, and only an experienced hematologist can advise whether to consider this, as many people do well for a long time with medication and blood transfusion. There is not a strong family tendency in this disease.

It is in a class called "myeloproliferative disorders," with chronic myelogenous leukemia, and myelofibrosis progresses to leukemia in 10 percent to 15 percent of cases.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In a column, you commented that the vegetable drink V8 has a fairly large amount of sodium. The regular type has 290 mg per 5.5-ounce can. However, there also is a low-sodium V8 product that has only 95 mg of sodium. I have always found it available wherever the regular V8 is sold. -- **W.W.**

ANSWER: Thank you. I appreciate the information, lovers of V8 appreciate it and the manufacturer of the product greatly appreciates it.

He would rather live in family nest



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm a 54-year-old single woman and a part-time college professor. I have three grown, successful children. At the time I met my boyfriend, "Joe," I was living in a nice boardinghouse in an affluent area. Joe, 63, was divorced and for five years had been living with two of his sisters in the old family home in a working-class neighborhood. Joe had a great job as a contractor.

A year ago, my friends and I finally convinced Joe to move out of the family house, and we got an apartment together. Life was great until I found out he was giving the rent money to his youngest son, 24. My income alone wouldn't cover the rent, and we were evicted. Joe moved back to the family nest. I was not invited and was left homeless.

After six months, I got back on my feet. Joe wanted to repair our relationship and got an apartment in the city. Meanwhile, his eldest son and his daughter (along with her baby) moved into the family house, although they both have good jobs. After a year in his apartment, Joe lost his job and moved back in with his sisters.

I begged him to find a place where we could live together, but he made excuses about the money. I think the problem is that the familial need to live together is permanently instilled. I

love him, and he says he loves me. What should I do? -- **From a Boardinghouse**

Dear Boarding: When Joe found his own apartment, it was a step in the right direction. But whenever the chips are down, he goes right back to his family. This is not unusual, but if it's a long-term pattern, it could prevent him from making any commitment to you. Until Joe is ready to become independent, the two of you don't have much of a future. But you also seem overly focused on affluent vs. working class. If you want someone more ambitious, look elsewhere.

Dear Annie: Would you please settle an etiquette question? When one hosts a party

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With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.

On Christmas Eve, **Monday, December 24**, we will publish a special section devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten. To have your loved one included, simply fill out below and select a tribute from the list provided below or write your own. You may also include a photo or select a graphic.

2x2 Example

John D. Smith

July 10, 1941 - May 5, 1986

May God's angels guide
you and protect you
throughout time.

Always in our hearts,
Joe and Sally Smith & Family

1x3 Example

John D. Smith

July 10, 1941 - May 5, 1986

May God's angels guide you
and protect you throughout time.

Always in our hearts,
Joe and Sally Smith & Family

Select One of These Graphics:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

If you wish select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together.
My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
10. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
11. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
12. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
13. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
14. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

FONDEST MEMORIES

Please include my loved one in the special section

☐ 1x3 with graphic and verse \$10
 ☐ 2x2 with graphic and verse \$12
 ☐ 2x2 w/photo and verse \$15

Name of loved one: _____ Date of passing: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Number of selected verse or personal message: _____

Letter of Graphic: _____

OR included is a photo of your loved one: (circle one) Y N

Sign memorial from: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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2x2 w/photo
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